



Kavanaugh confirmation all but sure after long, bitter fight

In this Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 photo, hundreds march in a protest, organized by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, through downtown Seattle opposing the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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By ALAN FRAM and LISA MASCARO

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WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of shocking accusations, hardball politics and

rowdy Capitol protests, a pair of wavering senators declared Friday they will back Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation, all but guaranteeing

the deeply riven Senate will elevate the conservative jurist to the nation's highest court on Saturday. The announcements by Republican Susan Collins

of Maine and Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia ended most of the suspense over a political battle that has transfixed the nation — though die-

hard Democrats insisted on arguing through the night to a mostly empty Senate chamber.

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Still Anonymous: White House hunt for op-ed author fades

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and CATHERINE LUCEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember Anonymous?

One month ago Friday, an unidentified Trump administration official set off a White House firestorm by claiming in a New York Times opinion piece to be part of a secret "resistance" force out to undermine parts of President Donald Trump's agenda.

The article triggered cries of "treason" from Trump and a demand that the powers of the federal government be brought to bear to root out the disloyal officials.

And then ... not much happened.

The investigation, which existed more in name than practice, stalled. A move to clean house never occurred. The author's identity is still a mystery.

Still, publication of the piece, along with a new Bob Woodward book painting a picture of a president whose impulses were being thwarted by his own staff, has had some lasting aftershocks.

The president, already besieged by leaks, has closed



In this June 17, 2018, file photo, the White House is seen illuminated by the setting sun with storm clouds nearby in Washington.

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ranks around the Oval Office, growing far more suspicious of staff and trusting fewer West Wing personnel. That's according to four White House officials and Republicans close to the White House who were not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

The Sept. 5 publication of the op-ed rocked Washington. The author, described only as a senior administration official, wrote that "Many Trump appointees have vowed to do what we can to preserve our democratic institutions while thwarting Mr. Trump's more misguided impulses until he is out of office."

The writer went on: "It may be cold comfort in this chaotic era, but Americans should know that there are adults in the room. We fully recognize what is happening. And we are trying to do what's right even when Donald Trump won't."

The piece landed the same week as Woodward's "Fear" and emphasized the new book's themes: that Trump appeared unfit for office and some of his closest aides viewed themselves as a bulwark between his worst decisions and the American public.

Trump was incensed about the op-ed, calling around to confidants to vent about the author, solicit guesses as to his or her identity, seethe that it appeared in the newspaper he loves to hate, and complain that a "deep state" within the administration was conspiring against him. At a rally that week in Montana, he called the author "an anonymous, gutless coward."

"You look at this horrible thing that took place. Is it subversion, is it treason?" Trump bellowed. "It really is terrible."

The Beltway guessing game seeped into the White House, as current and former staffers traded calls and texts trying to figure out who could have written the piece, some even asking reporters for clues. Trump ordered aides to unmask the writer, cited "national security" concerns to justify a possible Justice Department investigation and issued an extraordinary demand that the newspaper reveal the author.

Trump's anger triggered an extraordinary parade of senior officials, Cabinet members and even the vice president, who issued statements and stood before cameras to deny that they were part of the resistance. Some Trump advisers, like attorney Rudy Giuliani, suggested that it would be "appropriate" for Trump to ask for a formal investigation into the identity of the op-ed author. And Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, a key ally of Trump's, called for the president to order those suspected of being the author to undergo lie-detector tests.

But then, mirroring the very thesis of the op-ed, Trump's requests to the government

largely went ignored.

It was never expected that the Justice Department would move to open an investigation. A White House official later said Trump's call for the investigation was an expression of his frustration with the op-ed, rather than an order for federal prosecutors.

White House chief of staff John Kelly, communications director Bill Shine and press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders convened a series of closed-door meetings and ordered a cursory leak search, including enforcing a pre-existing ban on personal phones, according to three White House officials not authorized to speak publicly about internal meetings. But as the op-ed was wiped from the headlines by other news events, most notably the contentious confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the probe was quietly pushed aside.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Though the president continued to vent about the leaks, aides never conducted an exhaustive search, according to two of the officials. And many administration officials recognized that there was a long list of officials who plausibly could have been the author.

The West Wing and, for the most part, Trump himself moved on, focusing on the upcoming midterm elections and the push to get Kavanaugh on the bench. But Trump has confided to allies that he still is frustrated by frequent leaks and feels that there are few aides around him whom he can fully trust, according to the three White House officials and Republicans close to the White House.

Beyond a network of outside advisers Trump has known for decades, the officials said, those on the inside the president continues to trust include family: daughter Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, both senior advisers. □

Government won't appeal freedom for pizza deliveryman

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An Ecuadorian pizza deliveryman freed from an immigration detention facility by a judge who criticized the handling of the case will remain free after the government declined Friday to pursue an appeal.

Attorneys notified the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan that the government won't challenge a judge's July decision freeing Pablo Villavicencio.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said in a statement that he wasn't surprised.

"The federal government is admitting what we already

knew — there was absolutely no legitimate reason to lock Mr. Villavicencio up and take him away from his family," Cuomo said. Villavicencio, 35, was detained June 1 in New Jersey after delivering pizza to the Fort Hamilton Army base in Brooklyn. The detention came as Villavicencio was in the process of seeking to establish legal residency and overcome a 2010 order to leave the country. He is married to a U.S. citizen. Their two young daughters also are U.S. citizens. Cuomo said his arrest "while he was doing his job was an outrageous affront to our New York values and raised serious concerns of ethnic profiling." □

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Some of them continued raising concerns that Kavanaugh would push the court further to the right, including with possible sympathetic rulings for President Donald Trump, the man who nominated him. But the case against Kavanaugh had long since been taken over by allegations that he sexually abused women decades ago — accusations he emphatically denied.

In the pivotal moment Friday, Collins, perhaps the chamber's most moderate Republican, proclaimed her support for Kavanaugh at the end of a Senate floor speech that lasted nearly 45 minutes. While she was among a handful of Republicans who helped sink Trump's quest to obliterate President Barack Obama's health care law last year, this time she proved instrumental in delivering a triumph to Trump.

Collins told fellow senators that Christine Blasey Ford's dramatic testimony last week describing Kavanaugh's alleged 1982 assault was "sincere, painful and compelling." But she said the FBI had found no corroborating evidence from witnesses whose names Ford had provided.

"We will be ill-served in the long run if we abandon the presumption of innocence and fairness, tempting though it may be," she said. "We must always remember that it is when passions are most inflamed that fairness is most in jeopardy."

Those passions were on full display this week in a fight that could energize both parties' voters in elections for control of Congress just five weeks away. The showdown drew raucous demonstrators — largely anti-Kavanaugh — to the Capitol, where they raised tensions by repeatedly confronting lawmakers despite an intensified police presence. Another 101 protesters were arrested Friday, the U.S. Capitol Police said.

It's all expected to conclude Saturday afternoon with a final roll call almost solidly along party lines. That would mark an anti-climactic finale to a clash

fought against the back-drop of the #MeToo movement and Trump's unyielding support of the nominee, opposing forces that left Kavanaugh's fate in doubt for weeks.

Manchin, the only remaining undeclared lawmaker, used an emailed statement to announce his support for Kavanaugh moments after Collins finished talking, making him the only Democrat supporting the nominee. Manchin faces a competitive re-election race next month in a state Trump carried in 2016 by 42 percentage points.

"My heart goes out to anyone who has experienced any type of sexual assault in their life," Manchin said. But he added that based on the FBI report, "I have found Judge Kavanaugh to be a qualified jurist who will follow the Constitution and determine cases based on the legal findings before him."

Protesters chanted "Shame" at Manchin later when he talked to reporters outside his office.

Republicans control the Senate by a meager 51-49 margin. Support from Collins and Manchin would give Kavanaugh at least 51 votes.

Three female GOP senators — Jodi Ernst of Iowa, West Virginia's Shelley Moore Capito and Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi, sat directly behind Collins as she spoke. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky sat directly in front of Collins and pivoted his seat around to face her. A few Democrats sat stone-faced nearby.

When she finished, Collins received applause from the roughly two dozen GOP senators present.

Republican Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, a fellow moderate and a friend of Collins, is the only Republican who has indicated she will vote no. She told reporters that Kavanaugh is "a good man" but maybe "not the right man for the court at this time."

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who has repeatedly battled Trump and will retire in January, said he'd vote for Kavanaugh's confirmation "unless something big changes."

Vice President Mike Pence planned to be available Saturday in case his tie-breaking vote was needed, which now seems unlikely.

In a procedural vote that handed Republicans an initial victory, senators voted 51-49 Friday to limit debate and keep the nomination alive, defeating Democratic efforts to scuttle it with endless delays.

The debate sparked smoldering resentment by partisans on both sides, on and off the Senate floor.

"What left wing groups and their Democratic allies have done to Judge Kavanaugh is nothing short of monstrous," Republican Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley of Iowa declared before the vote. He accused Democrats of emboldening protesters: "They have encouraged mob rule."

On the other side, Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York called the fight "a sorry epilogue to the brazen theft of Justice Scalia's seat." That reflected Democrats' lasting umbrage over Republicans' 2016 refusal to even consider Merrick Garland, President Obama's nominee to replace the late Antonin Scalia.

When Trump nominated Kavanaugh in July, Democrats leapt to oppose him, saying that past statements and opinions showed he'd be a threat to the Roe v. Wade case that assured the right to abortion. They said he also seemed ready to rule for Trump if federal authorities probing his 2016 campaign's alleged connections to Russia try to pursue him in court.

Yet Kavanaugh's pathway to confirmation seemed unfettered until Ford accused him of drunkenly sexually assaulting her in a locked bedroom at a 1982 high school gathering. Two other women later emerged with sexual misconduct allegations from the 1980s.

Kavanaugh foes cast him as a product of a hard-drinking, male-dominated, private school culture in Washington's upscale Maryland suburb of Bethesda. He and his defenders asserted that his high school and college focus was on academics, sports



Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, speaks with reporters just after a deeply divided Senate pushed Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination past a key procedural hurdle, setting up a likely final showdown vote for Saturday, at the Capitol in Washington, Friday, Oct. 5, 2018.

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and church.

Democrats also challenged Kavanaugh's honesty, temperament and ability to be nonpartisan after he fumed at last week's Judiciary hearing that Democrats had launched a "search and destroy mis-

sion" against him fueled by their hatred of Trump.

Kavanaugh would replace the retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was a swing vote on issues including abortion, campaign finance and same-sex marriage. □

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In this Oct. 2, 2018 photo, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo meets Pakistani Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi at the State Department in Washington.

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Pompeo goes to North Korea under pressure to show progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo headed off to North Korea on Friday under pressure to produce tangible progress at persuading the country to get rid of its nuclear weapons as President Donald Trump seeks a second summit with leader Kim Jong Un.

Pompeo departed Washington for a packed, three-day tour of East Asia that will take him to Japan, North Korea and then South Korea. He's also due to visit China, which will bring its own set of challenges, as relations with Beijing slide over trade tensions and accusations of election interference.

But it's in Pyongyang on Sunday where Pompeo could face his toughest diplomatic test. There's been little visible progress since Trump and Kim made a vague agreement at their historic June summit in Singapore on "denuclearization," with the two sides deadlocked over seemingly inflexible demands about how to achieve it.

Pompeo's task has been made harder by mixed messaging from within the administration over a timeline for the North to abandon its nukes and Trump's hyperbole about what's he's achieved in his own talks with Kim. At a political rally last weekend, the president rhapsodized — perhaps a little tongue in cheek — about how the North Korean leader had sent him "beautiful letters" and "We fell in love."

Pompeo, who was snubbed by Kim on his last visit to Pyongyang in July, is expected to meet him this time, but experts say Kim may feel that he can get a better deal in a face-to-face with Trump himself.

"I'm not sure if we are going to get a whole lot of progress other than details of the next Trump-Kim summit," said Sue Mi Terry, a former CIA analyst on Korea and now a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"I think the North Koreans will try and save the actual negotiations for when Kim meets with Trump."

Pompeo has refused to discuss the details of negotiations so far and has become testy when asked for them — including on the U.S. position on North Korea's demand for a declared end to the Korean War. Fighting ceased in 1953 with an armistice that has left the adversaries in a state of war. U.S. ally South Korea views such a declaration as a possible quid pro quo for North Korea's agreeing to close its main nuclear facility at Nyongbyon. North Korea appears reluctant to provide what Washington really wants in return: a complete inventory of its nuclear and ballistic missile facilities that could be used by international inspectors to verify they have been dismantled. North Korea also wants to get relief from sanctions, which the U.S. has said should only happen when it is verified that the North has taken concrete steps toward denuclearization.

Speaking on his plane Friday, Pompeo again declined to talk specifics. He said his mission was to "make sure that we understand what each side is truly trying to achieve ... and how we can deliver against the commitments that were made" in Singapore. He said they would develop options, if not finalize, the location and timing of a second Trump-Kim summit.

On Wednesday, Pompeo distanced himself from a previously stated goal of getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons by the end of Trump's first term in January 2021. Trump, who canceled Pompeo's first plan for a fourth trip to Pyongyang last month citing a lack of progress, said last week he didn't want to get into a "time game."

"If it takes two years, three years or five months, it doesn't matter," he said.

"There's no nuclear testing and there's not testing of rockets."

It is true that North Korea has suspended nuclear and missile tests, freed three American prisoners and dismantled parts of a missile engine facility. It also blew up tunnel entrances at its nuclear test site in front of foreign journalists. But it has not taken any steps to halt nuclear weapons or missile development and has yet to respond to invitations to send officials to Europe to meet with Pompeo's new special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun. Biegun will accompany Pompeo to Pyongyang on Sunday, along with veteran diplomat Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines who has led working-level delegations with North Koreans, and Andrew Kim, who heads a North Korea group at the CIA.

Their sole focus on North Korea's nuclear threat, though, leaves the administration open to the very criticism it leveled at the Obama administration's negotiations with Iran over its atomic program.

Trump, Pompeo and national security adviser John Bolton have all defended the withdrawal from the deal in part by saying it did not address any of Iran's other concerning activities, such as support for terrorism. North Korea is also categorized by the U.S. as a state sponsor of terrorism, has an abysmal human rights record and is allegedly involved in cyber theft from banks around the world to raise funds for its sanctions-strapped government. Those problems are rarely mentioned in the context of Pompeo's discussions with Kim. Nor have they gotten attention in lower-level contacts between the two sides, which have chiefly revolved around logistical issues related to meetings and the handover of remains of U.S. troops missing from the Korean War. □

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Officer convicted of murder in slaying of Laquan McDonald

By DON BABWIN and MICHAEL TARM

CHICAGO (AP) — A white Chicago police officer was convicted of second-degree murder Friday in the 2014 shooting of a black teenager that was captured on shocking dashcam video that showed him crumpling to the ground in a hail of 16 bullets as he walked away from officers.

The video, some of the most graphic police footage to emerge in years, stoked outrage nationwide, and the high-stakes case gripped the nation's third-largest city for nearly three years. The shooting also led to a federal government inquiry and calls to reform the Chicago Police Department.

Jason Van Dyke, 40, was the first Chicago officer to be charged with murder for an on-duty shooting in about 50 years. He was taken into custody moments after the verdict was read. The second-degree verdict reflected the jury's finding that Van Dyke believed his life was in danger but that the belief was unreasonable. The jury also had the option of first degree-murder, a charge that required a finding that the shooting was unnecessary and unreasonable.

Second-degree murder usually carries a sentence of less than 20 years in prison, especially for someone with no criminal history. Probation is also an option.

Van Dyke was also convicted of 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet — and acquitted of official misconduct. The teen, Laquan McDonald, was carrying a knife when Van Dyke fired at him on a dimly lit street where he was surrounded by other officers.

One of Chicago's leading civil rights attorneys said the conviction sends a message to minority communities that the police reforms that began after the video became public were not just for show.

Andrew Stroth said an acquittal would have sent the opposite message, dashing

hopes for change.

"I think Chicago would have erupted," he said.

Defense attorney Dan Herbert called Van Dyke "a sacrificial lamb" offered by political and community leaders "to save themselves." He said it was a "sad day for law enforcement" because the verdict tells officers they cannot do their jobs.

"Police officers are going to become security guards," he said.

The verdict was the latest chapter in a story that accelerated soon after a judge ordered the release of the video in November 2015. The case put the city at the center of the national conversation about police misconduct and excessive force.

The 12-person jury included just one African-American member, although blacks make up one-third of Chicago's population. The jury also had seven whites, three Hispanics and one Asian-American.

Some jurors said they spent much of their deliberations discussing whether to convict on first-degree or second-degree murder, not an acquittal.

They said Van Dyke's testimony did not help him. One woman said he "messed up" and should not have testified.

Jurors' names were not made public during the trial, and they were not disclosed Friday during interviews with reporters at the courthouse.

One juror said Van Dyke needed to "contain the situation, not escalate it." He said the jury settled on second-degree murder because Van Dyke believed he was experiencing a real threat.

On the night of the shooting, officers were waiting for someone with a stun gun to use on the teenager when Van Dyke arrived, according to testimony and video. The video, played repeatedly at trial, showed him firing even after the 17-year-old lay motionless on the pavement.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys argued over



Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, left, is taken into custody after jurors found him guilty of second-degree murder and aggravated battery in the 2014 shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald, Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago.

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what the footage actually proved.

During closing arguments, prosecutor Jody Gleason noted that Van Dyke told detectives that McDonald raised the knife, that Van Dyke backpedaled and that McDonald tried to get up off the ground after being shot.

"None of that happened," she said. "You've seen it on video. He made it up."

But Van Dyke and his attorneys maintained that the video didn't tell the whole story.

His attorneys portrayed the officer as being scared by the young man who he knew had already punctured a tire of a squad car with the knife. Van Dyke testified that the teen was advancing on him and ignoring his shouted orders to drop the knife.

Van Dyke conceded that he stepped toward McDonald and not away from the teen, as Van Dyke had initially claimed. But the officer maintained the rest of his account, saying: "The video doesn't show my perspective."

The officer had been on the force for 13 years when the shooting happened. According to a database that includes reports from 2002 to 2008 and 2011 until 2015, he was the subject of at least 20 citizen complaints — eight of which alleged

excessive force. Though he was never disciplined, a jury did award \$350,000 to a man who filed an excessive-force lawsuit against him. Van Dyke testified that McDonald was the first person he ever shot.

To boost their contention that McDonald was dangerous, defense attorneys built a case against the teenager, who had been a ward of the state for most of his life and wound up in juvenile detention after an arrest for marijuana possession in January 2014.

Among those testifying were several current or former employees at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center who said they had violent run-ins with McDonald. They also pointed to an autopsy that showed he had the hallucinogen PCP in his system.

Prosecutors stressed that Van Dyke was the only officer to ever fire a shot at McDonald.

They called multiple officers who were there that night as they sought to chip away at the "blue wall of silence" long associated with the city's police force and other law enforcement agencies across the country. Three officers, including Van Dyke's partner that night, Joseph Walsh, have been charged with conspiring to cover up and

lie about what happened to protect Van Dyke. They have all pleaded not guilty. Even before the trial, the case affected law enforcement in Chicago. The city's police superintendent and the county's top prosecutor both lost their jobs — one fired by the mayor and the other ousted by voters. It also led to a Justice Department investigation that found a "pervasive cover-up culture" and prompted plans for far-reaching police reforms.

A week before jury selection, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced he would not seek a third term, although his office insisted the case had nothing to do with his decision. He faced criticism that he fought the release of the video until after his re-election in April 2015.

Ahead of the verdict, the city prepared for the possibility of the kind of massive protests that followed the release of the video in November 2015, with an extra 4,000 officers being put on the streets.

The issue of race permeated the case, though it was rarely raised at trial. One of the only instances was during opening statements, when special prosecutor Joseph McMahon told the jurors that Van Dyke didn't know anything about McDonald's past when he encountered him that night. □

Groups seek U.S. help in identifying migrant remains

By JAMES ANDERSON

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Representatives of dozens of U.S. and Latin American advocacy groups pressed their case Friday for access to an FBI-run DNA database to help them locate and identify the remains of thousands of migrants thought to have disappeared over the last several decades while crossing the Mexican border into the United States.

U.S. officials pledged to continue talks on sharing forensic information and efforts to identify the missing — but said they are prevented from making the information public by a federal law that strictly restricts access to and sharing of information from the database.

The comments came during a hearing of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at the University of Colorado in Boulder. The commission, part of the Organization of American States, conducted a week-long series of hearings on various hemispheric issues at the university.

Advocacy groups say they have compiled more than 4,000 DNA profiles of people reported missing and presumed dead along the border with samples from relatives. The groups want



Bea Abbott, center, joins other attendees in holding up placards bearing the photographs of people who went missing while trying to cross the border from Mexico into the United States during a hearing held by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

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to compare those samples with the FBI-run U.S. national database.

As some in the audience held enlarged photos of the missing, rights commissioner Margarette May Macaulay offered to facilitate talks to find a solution the groups say they've been seeking for years.

"I have great faith that you do intend and have the will to work toward solving this egregious situation and give peace to these people," Macaulay told U.S. officials attending the hearing.

Carlos Trujillo, the U.S. permanent representative to the OAS, and Paula Wolff, an attorney representing the FBI, pledged cooperation on an issue that predates the Donald Trump administration but cited restrictions on what the FBI can do under the 1994 DNA Act, which governs use of the national database.

Wolf cited legal and logistical technicalities preventing sharing of the FBI database with the advocates, academics and investigators collectively organized as the Forensic Border Co-

alition. Among them:

— The law authorized the database for use by law enforcement, not private actors such as the coalition.

— It requires that DNA samples be taken in the presence of and documented by police officials — a deterrent to relatives of the missing distrustful of Mexican police or who, because of their immigration status, fear coming forward to U.S. authorities.

— DNA matches or other results can only be released to criminal justice organiza-

tions and not, for example, to Argentine investigators who have worked in Mexico and along the U.S. border for years. That group has more than 4,000 DNA samples it's eager to cross-reference with the U.S. data.

Distrust of Mexican authorities runs deep, and many Mexicans have turned to the experts, known as the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team, to help alleviate their suffering in Mexico's bloody drug war and in locating and identifying those who disappeared migrating north. All three U.S. officials declined to immediately answer questions by the rights panel but promised to submit written responses. Those queries included how to prevent destruction of remains by local U.S. authorities. Two mothers of missing children testified during the brief hearing. One of them, Irma Carrillo, is a native of the Mexican state of Sinaloa and mother of two children, ages 25 and 27, reported missing nearly 20 years ago as they were crossing the border into Arizona. She wept after speaking privately with OAS Ambassador Trujillo. "A solution can change the direction of my life," Carrillo said. "We only want to know what happened to them." □

1,000 wild horses to be rounded up in Northern California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— The U.S. Forest Service is set to round up 1,000 wild

horses and says many of them could be sold to distant slaughterhouses.



In this Aug. 19, 2004 file photo, a helicopter herds a group of wild horses toward a large V-shaped trap at Devils Garden at the Modoc National Forest, Calif.

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The roundup is set to begin Tuesday and last through the month. It will target horses from a herd in the Devil's Garden Plateau Wild Horse Territory inside the Modoc National Forest, the Sacramento Bee reported. Modoc National Forest Supervisor Amanda McAdams said the area is supposed to have up to 400 horses but that the area has almost 4,000 animals. Those horses enjoy a range of more than 250,000 acres (101,170 hectares) within the national forest, which is about two and a half hours northeast of Redding.

"It sounds like a lot of acres for 4,000 horses, but there's

not a lot of vegetation and not a lot of water," McAdams said.

The U.S. Department of the Interior oversees most of America's wild horses and burros and prohibits selling them to slaughterhouses, but the Forest Service is underneath the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has no such restriction.

The American Wild Horse Campaign says the government is "exploiting a legal loophole" that will result in the slaughter of hundreds of animals.

The horses will be made available for adoption but after a 30-day period all horses 10 years and older —

an estimated 300 animals — will be made available for sale without limitations for \$1 each, "allowing kill buyers to purchase a truckload of 36 horses once a week until they are gone," the AWHC said.

Forest Service spokesman Ken Sandusky said that while the policy is new, this is also the first "horse gather" on public lands in 13 years and that the Forest Service works with a variety of partners to adopt out as many wild horses as possible.

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Police: DNA links 3 deaths to killer who died in 1999

By JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — An Arkansas man who killed himself during a 1999 police standoff at a Missouri motel was a killer and rapist who strangled a South Carolina woman in 1990 and gunned down a Missouri mother and daughter eight years later, authorities said Friday.

Advancements in DNA testing enabled investigators to link the three killings and the 1997 rape of a 14-year-old girl in Memphis, Tennessee, to Robert Brashers, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said. Brashers, a Paragould, Arkansas, man who had a long criminal record, killed himself during a four-hour standoff at a motel in Kennett, a city about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northeast of Paragould in an area of southeastern Missouri that's wedged between Arkansas and Tennessee.

"Make no mistake about this gentleman: He is a serial rapist and a serial killer, but no more," New Madrid County, Missouri, Sheriff Terry Stevens said at a news conference.

Brashers killed Genevieve Zitricki of Greenville, South Carolina, in 1990. She was beaten and strangled in her bathtub, authorities said. The year after he raped the Tennessee girl, Brashers killed Sherri Scherer and her 12-year-old daughter, Megan, in their home near Portageville, about 155 miles (250 kilometers) southeast of St. Louis. He also sexually assaulted Megan, police said.

The standoff in which Brashers killed himself began when Kennett police sought to question him in a stolen license plate investigation.

He was not a suspect in the

killings or the rape case at the time.

Police gathered DNA evidence over the years that linked the crimes, but it wasn't until earlier this year that a private company helped make the connection to Brashers. Investigators hired Parabon Nano-Labs, whose technology combines DNA testing and genetic genealogy analysis. The company's testing indicated that the DNA was from Brashers.

Because he was dead, investigators obtained DNA samples from Brashers' relatives. That DNA evidence led authorities to exhume Brashers' body last week to take DNA from his corpse that was matched to DNA found at the crime scenes. Stevens said that even 20 years later, he never considered the Scherer killings a cold case — his officers were constantly investigating and re-investigating leads "because it was too important to this family and the community of Portageville."

Anthony Scherer returned from farm work on March 28, 1998, and found the bodies of his 38-year-old wife and his daughter on the living room floor. They had been shot.

Less than three hours after the killings, a man stopped at a home in Dyersburg, Tennessee, asked the woman who lived there for directions and then tried to force his way inside. He shot her in the arm during a struggle, but she survived.

Ballistics testing showed that the same gun was used in both crimes. But DNA at both crime scenes lacked the markers necessary to place the information in a national database known as CODIS, the Missouri State Highway Patrol

said.

DNA technology improved and in 2006, the crime scene DNA was entered into the CODIS system, producing a match to the April 6, 1990, killing of Zitricki, who was 28 when she was strangled. Her body was found April 6, 1990, in her South Carolina apartment after failing to report to work.

In May 2017, another DNA match was discovered, linking the same suspect to the rape of a 14-year-old girl in Memphis on March 11, 1997. Police said the attacker knocked on the door of a home, pulled out a gun and pushed his way inside.

The patrol said Brashers had a long criminal history that included a 1986 conviction for attempted second-degree murder, along with



This undated photo provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol shows Robert Brashers.

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burglary, impersonating an officer and unlawful possession of a weapon. He also

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Bosnia election seen as key for future of war-ravaged nation

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Elections in Bosnia on Sunday risk cementing the ethnic divisions of the country's brutal war, as a pro-Russian nationalist runs for the three-member presidency and politicians seeking other posts campaign on war wounds rather than reforms.

Some 3.3 million voters are being asked to fill the national presidency and other elected positions in the complex network of institutions established in the accords that ended the Bosnian War. The 1992-95 war among Serbs, Croats and Muslims during the breakup of Yugoslavia left more than 100,000 people dead and millions homeless.

Bosnia today consists of a Serb entity, a Muslim-Croat entity and a central government that holds both together loosely. Voters are choosing the three members of the Bosnian presidency, the president of the Bosnian Serb entity, assembly seats at all levels and cantonal authorities.

The results could determine whether Bosnia is strengthened as a unified, multiethnic country or fragments again along ethnic lines.



President of the Republic of Srpska Milorad Dodik waves during the final campaign rally in the Bosnian town of Banja Luka, 240 kms northwest of Sarajevo, Friday, Oct. 5, 2018.

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The vote is seen as a test of whether a place ravaged by ethnic war and unemployment will move closer to European Union and NATO membership or remain mired by historical resentments.

Alarmed by mounting Russian influence, the West recently has renewed its push to encourage Balkan nations to solve the disputes stemming from the 1990s breakup of Yugoslavia to

be eligible for EU integration.

But campaigning in Bosnia has offered little hope of change, with leaders in both the Serb mini-state and the Muslim-Croat part of the country sticking to their divisive rhetoric.

"The discussion is largely empty of any issues of concern for the citizens," said analyst Adnan Huskic. "Invoking conflict or basically scaring people into submis-

sion has been one of the main political strategies for a long time."

The election's main focus has been on Bosnian Serb President Milorad Dodik's bid to win a seat in the multiethnic presidency. Dodik advocates the eventual separation of Serbs from the rest of the country, the same goal that helped fuel the war.

In a challenge to Dodik, thousands of people joined

the latest protest over the unresolved March death of a 21-year-old student. David Dragicevic's parents allege their son was killed and police have covered up for those responsible. Police initially said the young man died accidentally and deny the allegations of a cover-up.

Authorities have described rallies like the one held Friday as part of a plot to undermine the Bosnian Serb president.

The United States last year imposed sanctions on the Bosnian Serb leader. He has accused the U.S. and Britain of funneling money to his opponents to weaken the Serb mini-state and even threatened in a speech to fire any worker from a public company who votes for an opposition coalition.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has endorsed Dodik, who as a member of the presidency would likely strengthen Russia's role in Bosnia and undermine the country's already fragile multiethnic institutions.

No reliable public opinion polls exist to predict the election's outcome. Campaigning has been marred by accusations of irregularities. □

Ceaseless persecution marks the Yazidis' history

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Over the past centuries, the Yazidi community, one of Iraq's oldest religious minorities, has repeatedly been subjected to brutal attacks leaving thousands of its members dead. One of their worst subjugations occurred four years ago with the rise of the extremist Islamic State group.

IS committed genocide and other crimes against the Yazidi minority in Iraq as their power in the country peaked in the summer of 2014.

Hundreds of Yazidi women were captured, taken as sex slaves and subjected to horrific abuse by the extremists. Some managed to flee, including newly laurel-



The sun sets as women visit a Yazidi shrine overlooking at Kankhe Camp for the internally displaced in Dahuk, northern Iraq, in this Wednesday, May 18, 2016 file photo.

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led Nobel Peace Prize winner Nadia Murad who told the world of the horrors she and her community experienced.

About 5,000 Yazidi men were killed by IS when the

Sunni militant group took control of Iraq's northwest four years ago.

About 3,000 Yazidis still remain missing, most thought to have been killed in the war that rolled back IS con-

trol in Syria and Iraq over the past three years.

An isolated religious minority, the Yazidis have been persecuted for centuries. Many Muslim sects consider them infidels; many Iraqis falsely see them as worshippers of Satan. They speak Kurdish and their traditions are amalgamated, borrowing from Christianity, Islam and the ancient Persian religion of Zoroastrianism.

In August 2014, IS militants swept into Sinjar, the ancestral homeland of the Yazidis near the Syrian border, after capturing the northern city of Mosul and declaring an Islamic caliphate across large areas of Iraq and neighboring Syria.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis

escaped to Mount Sinjar, where most were eventually rescued by U.S.-backed Kurdish forces.

In November 2015, Kurdish militias with close support of U.S.-led coalition aircraft, drove IS out of Sinjar.

Before IS rose to power, the Yazidis were the subjects of one of the deadliest single attacks after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. On Aug 14, 2007, four suicide truck bombs targeted Yazidi villages north of the country, killing some 400 people and wounding many more. The attack was carried by out by the Islamic State in Iraq, IS's predecessor.

During the Ottoman empire, Yazidis were subjected to several massacres in the 18th and 19th century. □

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In Syria's Sweida, young men take up arms to defend villages

By ZEINA KARAM

SWEIDA, Syria (AP) — Maysoun Saab's eyes filled with tears as she recalled finding her parents bleeding to death on the ground outside their home, minutes after they were shot by Islamic State militants on a killing spree across once tranquil villages they infiltrated in a southeastern corner of Syria.

Within an hour, she had lost her mother, father, brother and 34 other members of her extended family. Overall, more than 200 people were killed and 30 hostages abducted in the coordinated July 25 attacks across Sweida province.

It was one of the biggest single massacres of the Syrian civil war and the worst bloodshed to hit the province since the conflict began in 2011, underscoring the persistent threat posed by the Islamic State group, which has been largely vanquished but retains pockets of territory in southern and eastern Syria. More than two months after the attack, tensions over the missing hostages — all women and children — are boiling over in Sweida, a mountainous area which is a center for the Druze religious minority. Anger is building up, and young men are taking up arms. This week, the militants shot dead one of the women, 25-year-old Tharwat Abu Ammar, triggering protests and a sit-in outside the Sweida governorate building by relatives enraged at the lack of progress in negotiations to free them. It's a stark change for a



In this Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, photo, young Druze armed men, who carry weapons to defend their village from Islamic State attack, patrol the village of Rami in the southern province of Sweida, Syria.

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usually peaceful province that has managed to stay largely on the sidelines of the seven-year Syrian war, and where most villagers work grazing livestock over the surrounding hills.

"We still haven't really absorbed what happened to us. It's like a dream or a nightmare that you don't wake up from," said Saab, a slender woman with a long braid showing underneath a loose white scarf covering her hair.

During a rare visit to the Sweida countryside by an Associated Press team, armed young men and teens, some as young as 14, patrolled the streets. Some wore military uniforms, others the traditional black baggy pants and white caps worn by Druze

villagers. They said the Syrian army had provided them with weapons to form civilian patrols to defend their towns and villages. Residents recalled a summer day of pure terror that began with gunfire and cries of "Allahu Akbar!" that rang out at 4 a.m. Militants who had slipped into the villages under the cover of darkness knocked on doors, sometimes calling out residents' names to trick them into opening. Those who did were gunned down. Others were shot in their beds. Women and children were dragged screaming from their homes.

Word of the attack spread in the villages of Shbiki, Shreih and Rami as neighbors called one another to warn of the militant rampage. A

series of suicide bombings unfolded simultaneously in the nearby provincial capital of Sweida.

In Shreih, a small agricultural village of cement houses, Maysoun and her husband were asleep in one room, their children, 16-year-old Bayar and 13-year-old Habib, in another when she heard the first burst of gunfire. From her window, she saw the silhouette of her neighbor, Lotfi Saab, and his wife in their house. Then she saw armed men push open the door, point a rifle at them and shoot. Maysoun screamed, her voice reverberating through the open window. The militants threw a grenade in her direction.

Her husband climbed onto the roof of their home and

aimed a hunting rifle at the men, while she hunkered downstairs with the children. At least two of the men blew themselves up nearby.

At the crack of dawn, Maysoun heard another neighbor screaming, "Abu Khaled has been shot!" — referring to Maysoun's father. Ignoring her husband's orders to stay indoors, Maysoun ran over the rocky path to her parent's house, and spotted her father's bloodied body on the ground near the front porch. She screamed for her mother and found her lying nearby, shot in her leg, blood everywhere.

"There is no greater tragedy than to see your parents like this, strewn on the ground before your eyes. We were together just the night before, staying up late together and talking. ... They took them away from us," she said, choking back tears.

Maysoun's brother, Khaled, meanwhile, was trapped with his wife and daughter in their home, fearfully watching the IS fighters from their shuttered window. Another brother, who rushed to their aid, was killed outside Khaled's home.

Less than an hour later, Maysoun called to tell Khaled that both their parents were dead.

When he was able to leave his house, Khaled said he and other neighbors fought and killed as many IS militants as they could. He suffered two gunshot wounds in his thigh. But there was no time to grieve. □

Nobel Peace laureates demand end to sexual violence in war

By JIM HEINTZ
MARK LEWIS
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — An Iraqi woman who became a global advocate for victims after being raped and tortured by Islamic State militants and a Congolese surgeon who has treated countless rape victims in his war-torn nation won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for fighting to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war.

Dr. Denis Mukwege was in surgery — his second operation of the day — at the hospital that he founded in 1999 in Congo's eastern Bukavu region when the announcement came Friday that he and Nadia Murad had won the prestigious prize. He learned of it because he heard colleagues and patients crying at the news.

The 63-year-old gynecological surgeon said for nearly 20 years he has witnessed war crimes "against women, teenage girls, small girls, babies."

"Dear survivors around the world, I want to tell you that through this prize the world is listening to you and refuses indifference," he said. "We hope that the world will no longer delay taking action in your favor, with force and determination, because the survival of humanity depends on you. It's you women who carry humanity."

Murad was one of an estimated 3,000 Yazidi girls and women kidnapped in 2014 by IS militants in Iraq and sold into sex slavery. At 19, she was raped, beaten and tortured before managing to escape after three months. After getting treatment in Germany, she chose to speak to the world about the horrors faced by Yazidi women, regardless of the stigma in her culture surrounding rape.

At 23, she was named the U.N.'s first Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking. This year's peace prize announcement comes amid a heightened attention to the sexual abuse of women — in war, in the workplace



The combo of file photos shows Doctor Denis Mukwege, from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Yazidi woman from Iraq, Nadia Murad on Dec. 13, 2016 as they both address the European parliament in Strasbourg, France.

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and in society — that has been highlighted by the "#MeToo" movement.

"We want to send a message that women who constitute half the population in those communities actually are used as weapons and that they need protection, and that the perpetrators have to be prosecuted and held responsible," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

"#MeToo and war crimes is not quite the same thing, but they do, however, have in common that it is important to see the suffering of women," she said.

Rights advocates were thrilled with the choice of this year's winners.

"Dr. Mukwege brings smiles and helps repair women from the barbaric acts of men in Congo," said Solange Furaha Lwashiga, a Congolese women's activist.

"We're talking (about) two ordinary citizens, at one level, who show that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. And they've shown a kind of political will that we're not seeing in our political leaders right now to make a difference," said Kumi Naidoo, head of Amnesty International.

Many of the women treated by Mukwege were victims of gang rape in the central African nation that has been wracked by conflict for decades. Armed

men tried to kill him in 2012, forcing him to temporarily leave the country.

"This particular type of war crime has been more invisible, because the victims have such a stigma and no one is willing to speak up on their behalf," Reiss-Andersen told The Associated Press.

Both honorees are the first from their countries to receive a Nobel Prize and will split the award, which is worth 9 million Swedish kronor (\$1.01 million).

After the announcement, mobile phone footage showed a smiling Mukwege jostled by dancing, ululating medical colleagues in scrubs in the hospital's courtyard.

Eastern Congo has seen more than two decades of conflict among armed groups that either sought to unseat presidents or simply grab control of some of the central African nation's vast mineral wealth.

"The importance of Dr. Mukwege's enduring, dedicated and selfless efforts in this field cannot be overstated. He has repeatedly condemned impunity for mass rape and criticized the Congolese government and other countries for not doing enough to stop the use of sexual violence against women as a strategy and weapon of war," the Nobel committee said.

Murad's book, "The Last

Girl," tells of her captivity, the loss of her family and her eventual escape.

The Yazidis are an ancient religious minority, falsely branded as devil-worshippers by Sunni Muslim extremists. IS, adopting a radical interpretation of ancient Islamic texts, declared that Yazidi women and even young girls could be taken as sex slaves.

Iraqi President Bahram Saleh praised the award for Murad, saying on Twitter that it was an "honor for all Iraqis who fought terrorism and bigotry."

Congo's government congratulated Mukwege while acknowledging that their relations with him have been strained. Government spokesman Lambert Mende told The Associated Press that Mukwege did "remarkable" work, though he claimed the laureate tended to politicize it.

"(Still) we salute that a colleague is recognized," he said.

"I am proud to be Congolese," said the country's top opposition leader, Felix Tshisekedi, in a Twitter post. "Good done for others always ends up being rewarded."

In the United States, President Donald Trump didn't comment on the Peace Prize but his new ambassador to Congo did.

U.S. Ambassador Mike Hammer said in a Twitter post: "Congratulations Dr. Denis

Mukwege! Looking forward to visiting Panzi Hospital and seeing firsthand your remarkable work against sexual violence and in support of survivors."

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, meanwhile, tweeted a link to the Nobel announcement, commenting that "the timing of this topic is extraordinary as we fight for the end of #ViolenceAgainstWomen."

Last year's Peace Prize winner was the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

In other Nobel prizes this year, the medicine prize went Monday to James Allison of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Tasuku Honjo of Kyoto University, whose discoveries helped cancer doctors fight advanced-stage tumors.

Scientists from the United States, Canada and France shared the physics prize Tuesday for revolutionizing the use of lasers in research while three researchers who "harnessed the power of evolution" to produce enzymes and antibodies won the Nobel Chemistry Prize on Wednesday.

Donna Strickland of the University of Waterloo in Canada became only the third woman to win a physics Nobel, while Frances Arnold was only the fifth woman to win a chemistry Nobel since the prizes were first handed out in 1901.

The winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences will be revealed on Monday.

No Nobel literature prize will be awarded this year due to a sex abuse scandal at the Swedish Academy, which chooses the winner. The academy plans to announce both the 2018 and the 2019 winner next year — but the head of the Nobel Foundation has said the body must fix its tarnished reputation first.

The man at the center of the Swedish Academy scandal, Jean-Claude Arnault, was sentenced Monday to two years in prison for rape. □

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Sexual violence, a savage feature of conflict over centuries

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Through the ages, sexual violence has been a savage feature of armed conflict, often systematically inflicted by combatants on girls and women in what the world today defines as a war crime. It happened in the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and in modern times, too: Mass rape occurred in World War II, as it did during the Balkan wars and the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s. The atrocities unfold as victorious fighters sweep into seized territory, using sexual violence out of a sense of impunity or entitlement or as a way to terrorize and punish communities. International humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions, seeks to prevent warring sides from engaging in such abuses.

While the regulation of war-time conduct is inherently difficult, the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday to a Congolese surgeon and an Iraqi woman who speaks out for those like herself who have been raped helps to shine global light on the crimes. Dr. Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad are honored for campaigning against sexual violence as a weapon of war.

Officials and military commanders must take the lead in discouraging a culture of sexual violence among combatants under their authority, activists agree. Even the United Nations has struggled with allegations of sexual violence and exploitation against the peacekeepers sent to



In this Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017 file photo, "F," a 22-year-old who says she was raped by members of Myanmar's armed forces in June and again in September, cries as she speaks during an interview in her tent in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh.

Associated Press

calm conflicts around the globe.

There have been steps forward. Last month, a military judge in South Sudan sentenced 10 soldiers to prison for a 2016 rampage in which five international aid workers were gang-raped. In December, a military court in eastern Congo sentenced 12 militiamen to life in prison for the gang-rapes of dozens of children as young as 11 months old. Here are some recent cases in which sexual violence occurred on a large scale during conflict:

ISLAMIC STATE GROUP/YAZIDIS

The Yazidi community, one of Iraq's oldest religious minorities, has been subjected to brutal attacks over

the centuries. One of the worst occurred when the Islamic State group committed what a United Nations commission of inquiry called genocide and other crimes against the Yazidi in 2014.

The militants swept into Sinjar, the Yazidis' ancestral homeland near the Syrian border, in August 2014 after capturing the northern city of Mosul and declaring an Islamic caliphate in large areas of Iraq and Syria. Tens of thousands of Yazidis escaped to Mount Sinjar, where they were surrounded and besieged. The U.S., Iraq, Britain, France and Australia flew in water and supplies until Kurdish fighters opened a corridor to allow them to flee.

About 5,000 Yazidi men

were killed, several thousand are missing and many Yazidi women were captured, taken as sex slaves and subjected to horrific abuse.

This year, The Associated Press interviewed Farida Khalaf, who was 18 when she was captured and sold into slavery and endured four months of rape, torture and beatings until she managed to escape from her Islamic State captors. The AP does not generally identify the victims of sexual assault but Khalaf went public, writing about her experience in "The Girl Who Beat Isis: My Story."

New Nobel winner Murad was among those who fled from IS and told the world about those horrors, addressing the U.N. Security

Council in December 2015.

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The sprawling central African nation where Nobel laureate Mukwege works was once called "the rape capital of the world" by Margot Wallstrom, then the U.N. secretary-general's special representative on sexual violence in conflict. "Women have no rights if those who violate their rights go unpunished," Wallstrom said in 2010. "Our aim must be to uphold international law, so that women — even in the war-torn corners of the world — can sleep under the cover of justice." Yet rape remains a weapon of war and power in Congo, especially in the east, which has seen more than two decades of bloody conflict among armed groups. Some are fighting for control of the country's mineral wealth, intensifying the cycle of violence.

Women have suffered as rebels and soldiers carry out sexual violence and rape. Mukwege and his team have treated thousands of women, many who have been gang-raped. His work made him a target: Armed men tried to kill him in 2012, forcing him to temporarily leave the country.

"There is impunity in rape and violence," Solange Furaha Lwashiga, a women's rights activist in Congo, told the AP. "Unfortunately, people look for power by dehumanizing people," she said. "Rape is a manner of seeking power and dehumanizing the Congolese societies." □

With rights under threat, Brazil's indigenous run for office

By SARAH DILORENZO

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — The number of indigenous Brazilians running for office has surged this year at a time when many feel their cultures and lands are more threatened than they have been in decades.

At least 120 indigenous people are running in Sunday's elections for offices at state and federal levels. While that's a tiny fraction of the more than 25,000 people running overall, it's a 60 percent increase over the number of candidates in the last elections in 2014, the first year in which authorities collected information about candidates' ethnicities.

"We're tired of being invisible. We're tired of people speaking for us. We want a voice," said Airy Gaviao, an indigenous candidate for the local legislature in the capital of Brasilia.

Only one indigenous person has ever been elected to Brazil's Congress: Mario Juruna from the Xavante people, who served one term in the 1980s. It's unclear if any of this year's candidates can end that drought, though widespread anger at Brazil's traditional ruling class could favor candidates perceived as outsiders.

Less than 1 percent of Brazilians — around 790,000 — count themselves as indigenous, their numbers decimated by disease and oppression following the arrival of Europeans and



In this Sept. 15, 2018 photo, Airy Gaviao, center, an indigenous candidate for the local legislature in the capital of Brasilia for the Socialism and Liberty Party, poses for a photo with children during a campaign rally in the Ceilandia neighborhood of Brasilia, Brazil.

Associated Press

African slaves whose descendants now make up the majority of the country's current population.

Many of the more than 300 distinct indigenous peoples live at the margins of society. Some reside on isolated land reserves much the way their ancestors did, while others dwell in impoverished urban pockets. As a whole, they are poorer and less literate than the general population and face continuing prejudice.

But indigenous people have played a growing role in Brazil's larger culture since the country's return to democracy in the 1980s. The increased political participation seen now

may also be one of the dividends of policies such as quotas and scholarships that improved indigenous people's access to universities in the mid-2000s, said Luis Roberto de Paula, a social anthropologist who has studied the issue.

It also reflects fears that their cultures and lands are under serious threat. Many indigenous lands are fertile and hold native forests or rich mines that have prompted farmers, ranchers, loggers and miners to try to open them to development — sometimes by force.

"We can't protect our communities from being invaded. So, what we see is that

the state doesn't represent us at any level," said David Karai Popygua, a 30-year-old teacher and a leader in the Indigenous Land of Jaragua, a group of traditional settlements on the outskirts of Sao Paulo. "And that is why we need to participate in the elections." While the indigenous agenda has struggled under previous administrations, the Coalition of Indigenous People of Brazil has accused President Michel Temer's government of the worst attacks on their rights in 30 years. Indigenous activists are especially concerned about a recent rule that they say will make the recognition of pending

land claims virtually impossible.

Many fear the situation could get worse. The man leading presidential polls for Oct. 7 elections, far-right congressman Jair Bolsonaro, has said he would not recognize any more indigenous lands if elected.

While Bolsonaro's running mate, retired Gen. Hamilton Mourao, described himself as indigenous when he registered as a candidate, he's far better known for his military career. He outraged many indigenous Brazilians by saying the country inherited "indolence" from its native peoples.

Another vice presidential candidate, activist Sonia Guajajara, has helped bring indigenous issues to the national stage, though her tiny Socialism and Liberty Party has little chance of winning more than a small share of seats in Congress and at state levels.

Brazil's 1988 Constitution recognized indigenous people's rights to their native lands and called for the official demarcation of those areas within five years. But that process remains unfinished, partially because of bureaucracy and resistance by powerful agribusiness, mining and other commercial interests. Bolsonaro and lawmakers from the rural caucus that represents large landowners in Congress have argued that demarcating indigenous lands shuts them off from economic development. □

Mexico president-elect minimizes criticism of lavish wedding

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's president-elect is pushing back at criticism over the lavish wedding of one of his closest advisers.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador says the wedding was not a government event but rather a private, social one.

Cesar Yanez has worked with Lopez Obrador for more than 20 years. His wedding to Dulce Silva, from a wealthy business

family, recently landed on the cover of society magazine *Hola!* Lopez Obrador also attended and his photograph made the magazine.

The criticism came because the famously ascetic president-elect has prescribed a policy of government austerity for Mexico after he takes office Dec. 1. Lopez Obrador said Thursday that his opponents "are looking for any possible mistake to criticize us." □



Mexico's President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador speaks at a rally commemorating the 50th anniversary of a bloody reprisal against students, at the Tlatelolco Plaza in Mexico City, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

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LOCAL



Walk the Perfect Mall

By Linda Reijnders

ORANJESTAD — Aruba is hot in every sense of the word, but not just in temperature. When the sun is at its highest, I prefer to beat the heat and escape to a comfy environment. The beach is a great option, but I have a need to shop, have a coffee, walk around, stop, try on that cute hat or buy these awesome shoes. After all of that, I crave for a cool glass of wine and a light snack just before I meet my friend for dinner. Yes, the perfect day!

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The second reason Quora states: recreation and comfort. Well, Renaissance Mall is covered, cool, offers clean public restrooms, is housed in an elegant building with a classy interior and invites guest to play a round at the casino upstairs. Besides that, you're in midtown, the heart of Oranjestad.

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Besides the offerings of the mall, I like the walking too. It is a well-known fact that Dutchies –like me– have a love affair with walking and as a matter of fact Mall Walking is a sport in the United States. Yes, it may sound crazy, but people actually walk and/or jog inside malls for exercise. In my opinion a great health boost in combination with shopping. And it's even better at Renaissance Mall, where you are out of the sun and have restrooms available as well as comfy seats and benches to take a moment of rest. I've got my hat and my new pair of shoes. I drank my wine and had a wonderful steak dinner and now, I will wander off to that sweet, soft suite at the Renaissance Hotel.

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SAN NICOLAS — Aruba Art Fair 2018 has over 100 artists and artisans and 10 muralist. There are 3 international artists doing some extraordinary artworks on the murals of the library building in San Nicolas.

The 3 visual artists, Dmitrij, Mr. Dheo and Pariz One, had already worked together in the past. Before making the masterpiece they did some research on what would be the perfect theme for their artwork. In this case since it's a library off course the theme is about books. This way they want to stimulate the public into reading more books. Stories stimulate imagination. Reading opens up a world of possibilities for everyone.

It is wonderful to see the developing of these masterpieces. All these masterpieces can be viewed during the Art fair tonight in San Nicolas from 6 PM till 11 PM. The artist are happy to be in Aruba and glad to be part of this wonderful event. They are very thankful on how they have been received and treated by the organization, the government of Aruba and Aruba Tourism Authority. ☐



SPORTS



Place your bets: Dover set to roll the dice on NASCAR wagers

By DAN GELSTON

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Place your bets at Dover and let it ride: The track is ready to roll the dice on NASCAR betting.

NASCAR fans could skip blackjack tables and roulette wheels inside Dover Downs Hotel and Casino if they want to bet on their lucky numbers this weekend for races at Dover International Speedway.

Want to stay on 18? Good choice: Kyle Busch is a 3-1 favorite to win the Cup race at the Monster Mile.

Love the 48 at his best track? Jimmie Johnson has 15-1 odds to win at Dover for the 12th time.

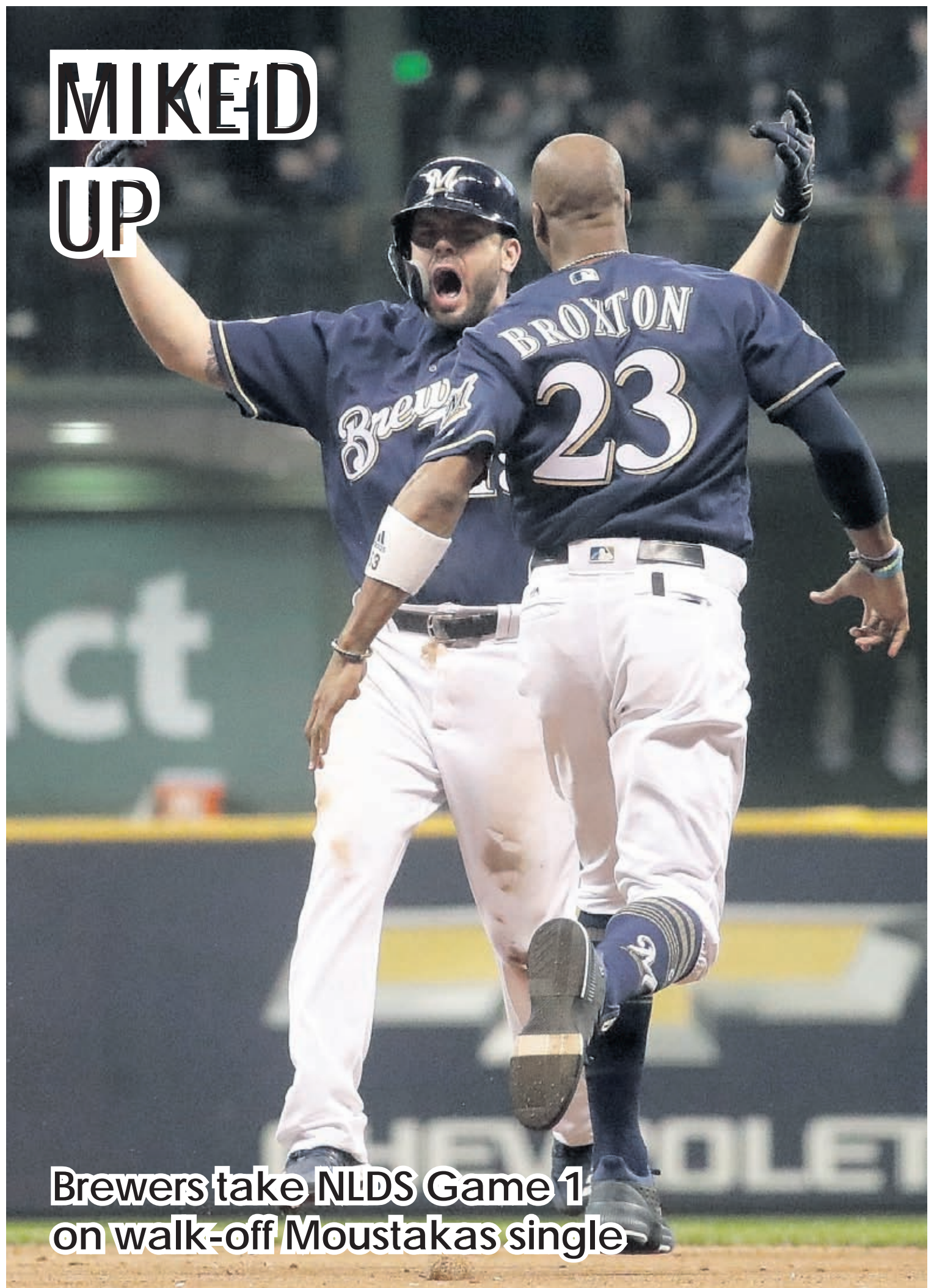
And if you're feeling lucky for a longshot, how about three-time Dover winner Matt Kenseth at 300-1?

Sports betting has come to Delaware and the track is set to throw open the betting windows and allow wagers on most of this weekend's track activity. The NASCAR Cup race on Sunday is the main attraction, and fans can bet on the race winner, the first two stage winners, and a slew of prop bets that range from number of drivers to lead a lap to the average race speed.

"It just adds an element of interest to keep people tuned in to what's going on," Dover Motorsports CEO Denis McGlynn said. Delaware launched full-scale sports betting in June, barely three weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for states to implement wagering schemes.

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MIKE'D UP



Brewers take NLDS Game 1 on walk-off Moustakas single

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World Cup Diary:



In this May 20, 2018, file photo, Las Vegas Aces forward A'ja Wilson (22) tries to get a rebound between Connecticut Sun forward Alyssa Thomas, left, and guard Courtney Williams during a WNBA basketball game, in Uncasville, Conn.

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World Cup Diary: Wilson talks winning gold at the World Cup

By A'JA WILSON

For The Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA LAGUNA, Spain (AP) — We did it! What a great feeling it was bringing home the gold and winning a World Cup championship. It was an incredible few weeks that I will never forget.

I mean every game feels like it's a big time game, but the gold medal game was huge. There was a focus at shoot around that day and it carried over to the game. We got off to a great start and didn't look back.

I've played for USA Basketball before and it's always a powerful feeling. There's a sense of pride I get when I have that USA across my chest. We are representing something much bigger than just us. It's for our country. There isn't much like it.

I mean don't get me wrong. When we won a national championship at South Carolina a few years ago, it was so emotional for me because of the passing of my grandmother, who had meant so much to me. So that win will always have a very special meaning for me.

But this time, winning the World Cup and hearing the anthem play after they put that medal around your neck, wow. To be able to do it with coach (Dawn) Staley I'm super happy and proud of her. It was so awesome to play for her again and we definitely had a lot of fun doing it.

After the confetti fell and we celebrated a little bit at the arena we went back to the hotel and it was one final moment for us to have fun in Tenerife with our family and friends. Then it was an early long flight back to the U.S. to go home for a little bit, but there isn't too much time to celebrate.

I'm heading to China shortly to play in that league this winter. Also starting a foundation for kids with dyslexia — something very important for me. Oh yeah, there's also an AAU team I'm getting going. □



The olympic rings are craned into position at the Obelisk, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, two days ahead of the III Youth Olympic Games.

Players' union, rights activists urge IOC to shelve charter

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

GENEVA (AP) — A coalition of athletes, their global trade union, and human rights activists want the IOC to postpone an athlete charter due to be adopted next week.

The Olympic body's Athletes' Rights and Responsibilities Declaration is set for approval at a meeting in Argentina to help safeguard athletes from issues including sexual and physical abuse, doping, and discrimination.

However, the World Players Association urged the International Olympic Committee on Friday to delay the project, claiming it failed to properly consult athletes or experts, and would "curtail fundamental athlete rights rather than protect them."

"The IOC's proposed declaration does not come close to respecting the internationally recognized human rights of athletes," the union's executive director, Brendan Schwab, said in a statement, adding it "relegates athlete rights beneath the rules of sport governing bodies, and fails to give the victims of human rights abuse access to an effective remedy."

The union, representing 85,000 athletes in more than 60 countries, was joined by athlete groups

in the United States, Britain, Canada and Germany in asking the IOC to shelve the proposal.

"We are not convinced that the athlete voice has been adequately sought out ... let alone fully integrated," the multi-nation athlete group said in an Oct. 2 letter to IOC president Thomas Bach published on Friday. "This is not a process that can be rushed to adoption in less than a year."

The Sports and Rights Alliance activist group, which includes Amnesty, Human Rights Watch and Transparency International, also claimed the IOC promoted the project without heading expert advice.

The Olympic project was steered by its in-house athlete commission which includes IOC members elected by their fellow competitors in ballots at Summer Games and Winter Games. "This is one of those projects and programs that are coming out of maybe a more dark side in sport," Kirsty Coventry, who represents athletes on the IOC executive board, told an Olympic conference in Buenos Aires.

"We all want sport to create change and to create opportunities for athletes and this is what we have come up with," said the two-time

Olympic swimming champion and sports minister for Zimbabwe.

Still, the SRA activist group said in its letter to the IOC the charter fell short of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and was "likely to mischaracterize or ignore certain rights."

The players' union also compared the IOC unfavorably with FIFA, which has made "binding policy commitments to human rights" and has an independent advisory board.

Coventry spoke at the two-day Olympism In Action forum, where she was joined on stage by British former cyclist David Millar. He served a two-year ban for doping before joining the World Anti-Doping Agency athlete panel.

Millar questioned the "hundreds of millions" the IOC spends on its Olympic Channel broadcasting project compared to a \$16 million annual contribution to WADA's operating budget.

"It's up to the IOC to lead by example and give the athletes hope that they are doing their best to help the athletes," Millar told the audience of international sports leaders. "And I'm not sure if that's the case at the moment." □

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Ryu sharp, Dodgers hit 3 HRs, beat Braves 6-0

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dodgers made a surprising and much dissected decision to start Hyun-Jin Ryu over Clayton Kershaw in Game 1 of the NL Division Series.

Swell choice.

The South Korean left-hander pitched seven dominant innings and Los Angeles launched three home runs to beat the Atlanta Braves 6-0 on Thursday night.

Ryu delivered in his first post-season start since 2014. He allowed four singles — all with two outs — struck out eight and walked none.

"He was in control. There was a lot of soft contact," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "He was doing what he wanted to do. It was good to see, and we needed that one."

The only slip Ryu made was when he mistook the second out of the fourth inning for the last out and started walking toward the dugout. He laughed upon realizing the gaffe.

The 31-year-old Ryu missed 3 1/2 months of the season with a groin strain and returned Aug. 15 to post a 1.88 ERA in 52 2/3 innings. "When he came back we weren't sure who we were going to get," teammate Enrique Hernandez said. "It seemed like he didn't miss a beat."

Dodgers great Sandy Koufax was among those who gave Ryu a standing ovation as he walked to the dugout after his final pitch. "I'm happy that I was able to keep my promise that

I would go full-throttle from the get-go," Ryu said through a translator.

Ryu even collected his first career postseason hit with a single in the fourth.

The Dodgers set franchise and National League records by hitting 235 homers during the regular season, and their tear continued with three more to begin their playoffs. The defending NL champions actually were outhit 6-5 by Atlanta, but the Braves only got singles.

"I don't really feel like there's anyone on this team that's going up there trying to hit a home run," said Max Muncy, who had a three-run shot with two outs in the second. "It's just a result of us having a good approach and good at-bats. I feel like a lot of the home runs we've had have come off of long at-bats, working the counts and wearing the pitcher down."

Game 2 in the best-of-five matchup is Friday at Dodger Stadium, with Kershaw starting for Los Angeles against Anibal Sanchez.

"A guy with his pedigree and his track record, we're pretty excited to have him going tomorrow night," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said of Kershaw.

The Braves have lost eight straight series openers in the postseason. They haven't won a Game 1 since 2001 when they went on to sweep Houston in the NLDS.

Rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. struck out twice and went 0 for 4 as the Baby Braves



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu throws to an Atlanta Braves batter during the first inning of Game 1 of a baseball National League Division Series, Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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were blanked. This was Atlanta's first playoff appearance since 2013, when they lost to the Dodgers in four games.

Joc Pederson's leadoff shot in the bottom of the first rattled Mike Foltyniewicz in his postseason debut.

Foltyniewicz gave up four runs and three hits in two innings. The right-hander struck out five and walked two. He got out of a two-out, bases-loaded jam in the first by striking out Yasiel Puig.

"If you don't have your fastball command, they're going to spit on a lot of things, which they did tonight," Foltyniewicz said.

He found trouble again in the second.

With two outs, Foltyniewicz hit Pederson and walked Justin Turner before Muncy sent a 1-0 pitch over the wall in center, making it 4-0. "That three-run home run was big for all of us, including me," Ryu said.

Hernandez hit a solo shot with two outs in the sixth off Brad Brach. Pinch-hitter David Freese added a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Ryu allowed a two-out single to Freddie Freeman in the first.

After that, he retired 12 consecutive batters before a pair of two-out singles to Ender Inciarte and former

Dodger Charlie Culberson in the fifth. Puig charged in on pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki's fly to right field to end the inning. The Braves didn't advance a runner past second base in the game. Ryu gave up another two-out single to Ozzie Albies in the seventh. With fans on their feet waving blue towels and the crowd of 50,947 chanting his name, Ryu got Inciarte on a swinging strikeout to end the inning. "Typically we're not a team that strikes out a lot, and I think that just the fastball command really kept us off-balance the whole night," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. □

Moustakas scores Yelich in 10th, Brewers top Rox in opener



Milwaukee Brewers' Mike Moustakas reacts after hitting a walk off RBI single during the 10th inning of Game 1 of the National League Divisional Series baseball game against the Colorado Rockies Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 3-2 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

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By GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Extra innings, two outs and the winning run on third in Game 1 of the playoffs.

Short on playoff experience, the Milwaukee Brewers dealt for veteran Mike Moustakas over the summer to produce in just this kind of spot. Good deal.

Moustakas scored MVP front-runner Christian Yelich with a two-out single in the 10th inning, and the Brewers bounced back to beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Thursday in their NL Division Series opener.

After giving up two runs in the ninth that made it 2-all, the Brewers regrouped and soon celebrated. Making their first postseason appearance since 2011, they

won their ninth straight game overall.

Moustakas had already produced for Kansas City in October, hitting .304 in the 2015 World Series to help beat the Mets.

He's doing it again in Milwaukee after being acquired from the Royals in late July.

"Being in a postseason a couple years back, it definitely helps," Moustakas said.

Chants of "Moose!" echoed around Miller Park after the winning hit.

Game 2 is Friday in Milwaukee with Colorado's Tyler Anderson opposing Jhoulys Chacin, who led Milwaukee with 35 starts this year. He started Monday when the Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 in the NL Central tiebreaker at Wrig-

ley Field.

Yelich hit a two-run homer in the third inning, then opened the 10th with a walk against Adam Ottavino, coming back from an 0-2 count.

Yelich made his postseason debut, though the even-keeled star spoke as if he had been through this before.

"You're just trying to slow the situation down ... find a way to get on and make something happen, put some pressure on him," Yelich said. "And Moose was able to come through there at the end with the huge hit."

Yelich advanced to second on a wild pitch and came home on Moustakas' line drive to right field. After almost winning the Triple Crown this year, Yelich got

two hits, scored twice and stole a base in his playoff debut.

Josh Hader and the Brewers allowed just one hit over eight innings in a dominant bullpen game and led 2-0 before Jeremy Jeffress gave up three straight singles to open the ninth. Charlie Blackmon grounded an RBI single shortly after his ground-rule double was overruled on replay review, and Nolan Arenado added a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to tie it.

But Colorado couldn't come through in extras again after outlasting the Chicago Cubs 2-1 in 13 innings in the NL wild-card game on Tuesday.

"Everybody knows I throw a lot of sliders. In that spot, I wanted to elevate. I wanted to get a little high-

er than I got it," Ottavino said. "I think I guessed what he was looking for wrong there."

Joakim Soria picked up the win in the opener with a scoreless 10th.

MOOSE IS LOOSE

The two-time All-Star third baseman had 15 RBIs in 31 postseason games while with the Royals.

Make it 16 now in Milwaukee.

"Look, Moose has been in those spots," manager Craig Counsell said. "It's something that you try to not make the situation too big, and he did a great job of it and finally got a pitch to it."

COLD COLORADO

The big-hitting Rockies, meanwhile, are still struggling to find their stroke. After beating the Cubs earlier in the week, this visit to Miller Park meant them playing in a different city for the fourth time in five days.

"Time will tell, but I think the day off helped yesterday," skipper Bud Black said. "I think the postseason energizes players."

BULLPEN DAY

With more and more teams relying exclusively on relievers in the regular season, the Brewers tried to take the new-wave approach to a new level in October. Out of the six pitchers who took the mound, only Jeffress allowed any runs.

Corbin Burnes, who tossed scoreless innings in the fourth and fifth, was the only other reliever to allow a hit.

Colorado was 1 of 23 with 10 strikeouts over the first eight innings. They were 3 of 6 in the ninth.

STAT LINES

Matt Holliday's pinch-hit single in the ninth was his 15th career postseason with Colorado, tying him with Yorvit Torrealba atop the team's career playoff hits list. ... Yelich became just the fifth Brewers player to reach base at least four times in a postseason game. ... OF Ryan Braun went 2 for 5 to record his ninth career multihit game in the postseason. □

Brady reaches 500 TD passes in Patriots' 38-24 win

By **BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)**

— On a night when he reached 500 career touchdown passes, Tom Brady welcomed back a buddy with one of his three scoring tosses Thursday, then connected with a newcomer who could help him reach more milestones.

Brady also sneaked in for a rushing touchdown and the New England Patriots put together their second straight win after a mediocre start to the season, beating Indianapolis 38-24. Brady's 500th went to Josh Gordon, recently acquired from Cleveland, where he basically was unavailable through NFL suspensions for all but five games over the past three seasons. But, as he often does, Brady spread the wealth, hitting running back James White 10 times for 77 yards, and greeting the return of buddy Julian Edelman by completing seven for 57 yards to him.

"We wanted to get him the ball and he made some great plays," Brady said about Edelman. "Just good to have him out there. We all want it to be perfect when we go out and it was great to have him out there ... healthy and having fun." As for 500 TD passes, third on the career list behind Peyton Manning (539) and Brett Favre (508), Brady called it a collective mark. "I think all these things like that, milestones, there are so many people that contribute, all the people that

have really worked hard," he said. "A quarterback doesn't throw to himself. "These are all great team awards, pretty cool."

The five-time NFL champion also tied Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, a former teammate, for most victories with 226. Brady finished 34 for 44 for 341 yards.

As everyone in Gillette Stadium except, apparently, the Colts knew, Brady started off with a pass to Edelman, who was wide open for 9 yards. That drew the first of many loud cheers for the 10th-year veteran receiver in his first game since the 2017 preseason, when he tore up a knee. Edelman was suspended for the first four games this year for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers.

"During the rehab you are just sitting there and waiting to get back on the field," Edelman said. "It felt great to be out there with the guys."

That was the first of three receptions for 28 yards for Edelman on the opening 75-yard touchdown drive Brady capped with a 1-yard toss to Cordarrelle Patterson.

From there, even though the Colts (1-4) had a drive deep into New England (3-2) territory, usually reliable Adam Vinatieri missed a 38-yard field goal.

Nothing was going right for Indianapolis, particularly after Brady led a 72-yard march to his sneak from the 1. Then he took the Patriots 68 yards near the end of



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady signals on the sideline during the first half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts, Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

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the half and hit workhorse White for a 6-yard score to lead 21-3.

Under pressure, Andrew Luck threw a poor pass that Patrick Chung intercepted at midfield, and Stephen Gostkowski made a 45-yard field goal for a 24-3 halftime lead.

Luck did extend his string of games with a touchdown pass by hitting Eric Ebron on a 14-yarder in the third quarter. Showing a strong arm all night — remember, Luck missed all of 2017 with shoulder issues — he has a TD throw in 28 successive games, tops of any current quarterback.

"We're not going to win consistently until we learn how to get out of our own

way," Luck said. "That's not taking anything away from New England. They were the better team today. Anybody who watched it or played in it knows it. It was self-evident."

"But we're going to have to learn how not to lose if we want to give ourselves a chance to win."

After Matthias Farley's interception of a pass bobbled by Chris Hogan, Indy could do nothing. Rookie Jordan Wilkins had the ball stripped from his hands by Devin McCourty four plays later.

But a second pick of Brady that was not his fault — Rob Gronkowski had the ball stolen and Najee Goode wound up with it — helped

the Colts get back into it for a short time.

Looking like vintage Luck, he brought his team 80 yards, including a pair of big third-down throws to Ebron, and Eric Swoope caught a 13-yard scoring pass to make it 24-17.

That's when everyone saw vintage Brady as he hit the half-century mark for TD throws by connecting with newcomer Gordon for 34 yards, the 71st player to catch a touchdown pass from Brady, an NFL mark.

"A great play Josh made jumping over two defenders," Brady said. "It tells you kind of the confidence I have in him in a short period of time. Obviously he has earned it." □

Junior Seau's children settle with NFL over 2012 suicide

By **MARYCLAIRE DALE**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The family of the late NFL star Junior Seau has settled its wrongful death lawsuit against the NFL over the popular San Diego linebacker's 2012 suicide.

The confidential settlement comes after the family opted out of the NFL concussion settlement covering more than 20,000 retired players. That plan pays up

to \$4 million to families of men like Seau, who were found after their deaths to have the brain deterioration chronic traumatic encephalopathy, known as CTE.

The youngest of Seau's four children recently turned 18, family lawyer Steven Strauss said. Seau's older children include a daughter who works at ESPN and a son who plays lacrosse at Duke University, Strauss

said. Seau was 43 when he died six years ago.

"I'm glad that it's resolved for them now so they can move on with their lives," Strauss said Friday, when notice of the settlement was filed in federal court in Philadelphia, where the NFL concussion cases are being handled.

"It took a long time. That was frustrating, but it was successfully settled, and that's good," Strauss said.

The broader settlement, which covers more than 20,000 retired players, provides up to \$4 million for a death involving CTE. Payments have been awarded in 66 of the 86 CTE claims filed as of Oct. 1, according to the latest report. Lawyers for the players expect payouts to top \$1.4 billion over 65 years for the six qualifying conditions, which also include Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease

and dementia. The claims panel has approved more than \$500 million in awards and paid out about \$330 million to date, the report shows. Lawyers have complained that the process is moving slowly, especially for the dementia cases.

The players' lawsuits accused the NFL of concealing known concussion risks. The first tentative agreement in the case was reached in 2013. □

Eagles, Vikings stage NFC championship rematch Sunday

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

When last they met, the Eagles and Vikings were vying for a spot in the Super Bowl. Now, they are searching for consistency while looking up at other division leaders. "Each week — and (Eagles defensive coordinator) Jim Schwartz mentioned it and it's true," Philadelphia coach Doug Pederson says, "you're two plays away from maybe being 0-4 and two plays away from being 4-0. That's how tight this thing really is." Coming off its championship season Philly has won twice at home and fallen twice on the road, last week blowing a 14-point lead to lose in overtime at Tennessee. The defense remains stout much of the time, but fell apart in key spots at the Titans, especially in OT.

"Therefore, with that being said," Pederson adds, "as coaches we got to make sure we're doing our part to prepare our players and get them ready for those situations."

Minnesota's dilemma is deeper. While the Eagles are just a half-game out of the NFC East lead, the Vikings are 1-2-1 and trail Chicago and Green Bay in the NFC North.

Most importantly, Minnesota must find a running game, ranking last. If Dalvin Cook can get healthy, it would be a huge help.

"It has been difficult," coach Mike Zimmer says. "We have to be patient with it, No. 1. Honestly, a little bit has been dictated with some of the scores throughout the last couple ballgames. It's important for us to have balance. It keeps the defensive line from pinning their ears back all the time. I think it helps the football team overall. We just have to do a better job."

Off are Tampa Bay (2-2) and Chicago (3-1).

Los Angeles Rams (4-0) at Seattle (2-2)

The Seahawks' former Legion of Boom might have given LA's booming attacking fits. This group, while well coached and aggressive, figures to struggle with

an offense that comes with 10 days off and has three wideouts who eclipsed 100 yards receiving last game: Brandin Cooks, Cooper Kupp and Robert Woods. Plus, the Rams are no slouches on defense.

active streak in the NFL. Baltimore (3-1) at Cleveland (1-2-1) Here's a matchup the former team from Cleveland loves. Baltimore has won five straight and 18 of the past 20 meetings under

of at least 25 yards) faces the league's best defense. Jacksonville excels particularly in pass coverage, and the perspective matchup of cornerback Jalen Ramsey vs. wideout Tyreek Hill is a juicy one.

Atlanta (1-3) at Pittsburgh (1-2-1)

Which of these supposed contenders has been more disappointing? The Falcons have been hammered by injuries on defense, down three starters already, placing an extra burden on the offense. Mostly, Matt Ryan, Julio Jones and company have come through — Atlanta has scored 116 points but allowed 122; only Tampa Bay and Oakland have been more generous.

Pittsburgh's issues seem to run deeper than a porous D and too many turnovers, a league-worst nine (tied with the Bucs). The Steelers are runaway leaders in penalties, are missing star RB Le'Veon Bell in a contract dispute, and have far too much drama enveloping them.

Oakland (1-3) at Los Angeles Chargers (2-2)

Both teams can move the ball and are vulnerable on defense, so a shootout might be in the offing.

Derek Carr is fourth in the league in completions (120) and completion rate (71.0 percent), and the Raiders are one of three teams with a 100-yard receiver in every game this season.

Los Angeles is more balanced. Melvin Gordon leads the AFC in yards from scrimmage (475) and first downs (25), and backup RB Austin Ekeler is averaging 8.6 scrimmage yards, tops for his position. Philip Rivers likes facing the Silver and Black having thrown 41 TDs vs. the Raiders, tied with Denver for his most against any opponent.

New York Giants (1-3) at Carolina (2-1)

Look for the Panthers to get off to a running start coming off their bye. They are No. 1 in rushing offense and the Giants are No. 29 in run defense. Panthers RB Christian McCaffrey is coming off a 28-carry, 184-yard performance against Cincinnati.

New York doesn't score much despite the presence of two dynamic performers, WR Odell Beckham Jr., and second overall draft choice RB Saquon Barkley.

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FILE - In this Sept. 30, 2018, file photo, New York Giants' Saquon Barkley, left, runs the ball during the first half of the team's NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints in East Rutherford, N.J. Giants coach Pat Shurmur admits he didn't use Barkley enough in the loss to the Saints. The running game was limited to 65 yards on 15 carries. Barkley had 44 yards on 10 carries. The Giants play the Carolina Panthers this week

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Seattle's season, despite two straight wins, got more messy when it lost star safety Earl Thomas (broken leg) and tight end Will Dissly (patellar tendon) for the year. Thomas's parting gesture to the Seahawks sideline was not quite complimentary. Miami (3-1) at Cincinnati (3-1)

Despite some awful statistics including being outgained by 435 yards and outscored 90-82, Miami leads the AFC East. Of course, it was routed in New England last weekend. The Dolphins do lead the league with nine interceptions.

Also on top of their division, tied with Baltimore in the AFC North, the Bengals are struggling on defense, too. They rank last on third downs, allowing opponents to convert 57 percent. But the offense has sizzled, especially in the red zone: Cincinnati has scored in its past 34 trips, the longest

coach John Harbaugh. While defense always is the calling card for the Ravens, Joe Flacco has eight TD passes, only two interceptions, and Justin Tucker could make field goals Sunday kicking from Lake Erie. Oddly, this is the final intradivision road game for the Ravens, who beat Pittsburgh and lost to Cincinnati.

Cleveland can play some D, too. It has a league-high 13 takeaways and DE Myles Garrett, the top overall choice in the 2017 draft, has 4 1/2 sacks this season and 11 1/2 in 15 games. He made a career-best nine tackles last week in an OT loss in Oakland.

Jacksonville (3-1) at Kansas City (4-0)

A matchup of elite AFC teams in which Kansas City's powerful offense led by emerging star quarterback Patrick Mahomes (14 TD passes, no interceptions, NFL-best 15 passes

The Jaguars haven't allowed an opponent to score on its opening possession this season. The Chiefs have scored 52 points in first quarters.

Washington (2-1) at New Orleans (3-1), Monday night

A major test for the Redskins, coming off a bye and alone atop their division. The Saints showed against the Giants that they can win without Drew Brees putting on an aerial spectacular as Alvin Kamara scored three TDs rushing, Wil Lutz kicked four field goals, and the defense mostly befuddled New York.

Washington's defense has been surprisingly effective, ranking third overall. It must slow Brees, who has 71,740 yards passing, needing 201 to move ahead of Peyton Manning for the career lead. He's passed for eight touchdowns with no interceptions, and has rushed for two TDs.

Circling around: Floyd Landis starting own cycling team

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

Floyd Landis is using money he earned by taking down Lance Armstrong to start his own cycling team.

The man whose own doping saga cost him the 2006 Tour de France title and eventually helped expose Armstrong's cheating says he's building a developmental team for 2019 that will be based out of Canada.

He says this is his way of trying to rebuild trust inside a cycling community that has viewed him skeptically since he lied about taking performance enhancers in a much-publicized hearing in 2007.

"That's the main motivation of the whole thing," Landis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "A lot of things were said about

me, and a lot was justified. A lot was PR from people who didn't like the fact I exposed (the doping). One of the main arguments was, 'He ran out of money and that's why he did it.' It was never the case. But there's no way to disprove that, and if people don't believe me now, there's nothing I can do about it."

Three years after losing his doping case, Landis provided key information about his own doping and that of Armstrong and his U.S. Postal Service team, all of which led to Armstrong's lifetime ban.

Landis is using part of the proceeds from Armstrong's lawsuit settlement with the government to fund the team. Landis and his legal team split around \$2.75 million off the settlement because he brought a

whistleblower lawsuit that triggered the case.

Now 42, Landis runs a business in the Colorado mountains, Floyd's of Leadville, that specializes in marijuana and hemp-based products that are designed to relieve chronic pain.

His company will sponsor the new cycling team, which will take some riders from Silber Pro, a team out of Canada run by former teammate Gord Fraser that is shutting down at the end of this year. The team will also open opportunities for other young riders whose teams were dismantled after losing sponsors.

Landis is well aware his detractors will shake their head at his attempt to get back into the cycling game. "I don't like ridicule, obviously, and sometimes it looks like I'm looking for it,"



In this July 30, 2010, file photo Floyd Landis sprints to the finish line after racing a 2.3-mile time trial section during the Tour of the Catskills cycling race in Tannersville, N.Y.

Associated Press

he said. "I hope I can convince everyone that I'm contrite, I'm living my life, and hopefully they can let

it go. Most people in cycling know that any support they can get for the sport is good and helpful. □

NASCAR WAGERS

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Because of a failed sports lottery experiment in 1976, Delaware was partially exempt from the 1992 federal ban on sports gambling that was recently struck down by the Supreme Court. That exemption led to broader sports betting legislation passed in 2009, and Delaware enacted an NFL parlay wagering system, which combined to give the state a head start in offering full-scale sports gambling.

At Dover Downs and Dover International Speedway, single-game and championship wagering on professional baseball, football, hockey, basketball, soccer, golf and auto racing are now offered, with betting lines supplied by William Hill. There are magazines that tout "Sports Betting: Vegas Style" in hotel rooms. "They can do it all here," McGlynn said.

Ryan Blaney, who won last week's race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, said he wouldn't tell his friends to bet on him to win Sunday's playoff race. At 20-1 to win at Dover, that's probably good advice.

"If I lose them money, I'm going to feel bad," he

said. "I'll be watching the window that weekend. I'll have to ask if people are constantly betting throughout the race. If you have people who really like to gamble and want to get into a new form of it, maybe they'll come out and give it a shot. I don't think it's a bad thing. It's a cool little deal that they're allowing in that state."

Outside the casino, bets can be placed Saturday and Sunday at a station set up not far from the track's signature Monster monument.

"I won't be making a visit to that just because I don't gamble," Blaney said.

Johnson can extend his own track record (11 wins) with a victory on Sunday.

"As far as the bets go, I've never paid attention to it," he said. "But if I can make somebody some money this weekend, I hope I can."

Blaney says he won't bet on himself, but there are no rules prohibiting drivers or anyone affiliated with the series from betting on the race. Dover is counting on fans to drop a few bucks on the race, though the sport has not yet ignited bettors' passions.

The News Journal of Wilmington reported this week



In this Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 file photo, Kyle Busch competes during the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

that NASCAR wagering has raked in just \$60,000 since June 5 — less than 0.2 percent of the total \$39.77 million wagered on all sports so far in the state.

"We don't anticipate a huge movement from a revenue standpoint for the gaming company," McGlynn said. "What we're hoping for is, just the ability to broaden the field of wagering on sports to include NASCAR will somehow increase the interest in it."

McGlynn said sports betting won't save NASCAR but it could be part of the cure for a sport impacted by sagging ratings, dwindling attendance and longtime sponsors pulling out of the series.

"It doesn't replace having a

Tiger Woods for the sport," McGlynn said.

NASCAR driver Brendan Gaughan raised eyebrows in the sport when he placed a bet on himself in Las Vegas to win the 2004 Daytona 500. Gaughan didn't get in any trouble, but the potential for thorny situations could arise without a gambling policy. Signs are posted in baseball clubhouses and most sports locker rooms warning of the severe consequences of betting on sports. NASCAR teams could make their own gambling policies, especially as more states plan to legalize sports betting. Pennsylvania, one of the nation's most aggressive gambling states, appears weeks away from

becoming the sixth state with sports betting

"I'm not sure I'm ready to bet on a NASCAR race," team owner Roger Penske said.

McGlynn said NASCAR has been "pretty quiet. I don't necessarily know how to read that."

"There's been no guidelines related to auto racing," McGlynn said. "Right now, there are no rules that I'm aware of about what competitors can and can't do. I think it would be smart for the competitors not to engage in it. But I've not had any dialogue with NASCAR along those lines."

NASCAR declined comment this week and referred to a statement from earlier this year that said it will "continue to monitor what the (Supreme Court) ruling will mean for individual states and our sport."

NASCAR at some point will likely partner with a task force to monitor integrity within the sport and perhaps write guidelines for the rulebook.

McGlynn said he's not sure he'll bet, but if he does, he's going with 2012 Dover winner Brad Keselowski.

"If you win, remember where you got that tip," he said. □

Aid groups now using the same data technology as bitcoin

By ROBERT STEVENS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — In the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan, Amar Al-Eid heads toward the checkout of the food distribution store carrying supplies for his two children. The shopkeeper raises a black box to his face and scans the Syrian refugee's iris. The transaction goes through and a day's rations are secured. The data technology that underpins virtual currencies like bitcoin is now also used to deliver aid more efficiently by dramatically lowering the risk of bribes and fraud by local officials — a huge, longstanding problem in the industry. The so-called blockchain keeps a record of all transactions and buyers, making sure recipients like Al-Eid get their goods without the added costs of graft or bank transfer fees. And donors can track the use of their aid money, all the way to the refugee family it helps survive.

"It's a very easy process and it doesn't have any complications," says Al-Eid, before taking the food off to his family.

The UN's World Food Programme has been testing the use of blockchain technology since 2017 to manage aid for over 100,000 refugees in camps in Jordan, which hosts over 740,000 people from neighboring countries like war-torn Syria. It aims to extend it to 500,000 refugees by the end of March. Other international organizations, including the World Bank, UNICEF and the Red Cross, are looking at ways to implement blockchain into their own projects.

Blockchain is an online ledger of transactions spread across a global network of computers that use their processing power to verify any changes. It is most famous for being used to support virtual currencies like bitcoin, but can in practice be used to track any system of payments or data transfers. In the refugee aid system it is testing, the UN does not use virtual currencies but dollars. The block-



In this Sunday, May 21, 2017 file photo, David Beasley, the new executive director of the World Food Programme, speaks to The Associated Press, in Amman, Jordan.

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chain technology helps it know where every cent is, from the moment it is donated to when it is spent on a physical good.

And that can mean huge savings.

Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has said that in 2011, some 30 percent of aid donations — around \$40 billion, according to one estimate — failed to reach intended recipients because middlemen skimmed some off of top and corrupt officials often took a cut.

Ultimately, the system helps those who receive the money by making more of it available and reduces the concern among donors that their money will actually be used for the intended purpose.

"We have this rapid ability to understand where our money is throughout the process," says Gustav Stromfeld, one of the project managers working on the WFP's program. "It improves the transparency,

accountability, and communication across the board."

Because the data is spread across so many computers, a thief would have to take control of the entire network — potentially thousands of terminals — to fudge the numbers and make off with the money. That would require an enormous amount of computing power, so it wouldn't be profitable.

That doesn't mean smaller thefts can't occur. So far in 2018, about \$1 billion worth of virtual currencies backed by blockchain has been stolen, according to cybersecurity firm Carbon Black. But these thefts are typically carried out through hacks of the end users by, for example, entering the email account of a person to get their passwords to open their virtual currency accounts and take the money. The thieves do not take control of the blockchain system. It's like comparing pickpocketing to

entering a bank's vault.

The blockchain doesn't use middlemen like Western Union or PayPal, meaning the costs of transferring money are reduced by 98 percent for users like the WFP. That translates to savings of over \$40,000 per month for the UN agency. Smaller charities are also testing out blockchain. Last year, the London-based homeless charity St. Mungo's tested a blockchain platform to monitor the use of donations and prove they were being spent on improving the recipients' lives. Only then would more donations be released.

The data can also help make aid more efficient by tailoring the service to the needs. For example, in one project in Tanzania, the blockchain system could show that a particular woman regularly visited the local doctor once a week to buy medicine for her child. So when she missed an appointment, the char-

ity, AidTech, had a social worker bring the medicine to her the following morning.

"We're able to show more data on the first two women using the platform than the organization could with over 10,000 women when they were using a paper-based system. That means we can be far more responsive," said Joseph Thompson, founder of AidTech.

The system does have its downsides. In practical terms, having aid released only upon an iris scan means a busy mother, say, would not be able to ask her child to go get the aid rations for her instead.

The way the transactions are verified can also be patronizing. The blockchain aid for the homeless, for example, ensures the money is used for productive purposes like shelter rather than alcohol or drugs, implying a lack of trust that can be degrading for the receiver.

And there are broader questions about privacy rights, as the data can track the actions of individuals.

While personal details like names are encrypted, the record of transactions is viewable to anyone with access to the blockchain. The issue is all the more delicate when the people tracked are vulnerable, like stateless refugees.

Some UN officials are aware of these risks, and there is a debate about whether to ramp up its use across aid and development projects. "We will not store any sensitive personal data (on the blockchain), especially of such a vulnerable population as refugees, with a technology that still needs to prove its merits," says Karl Steinacker, a deputy director at the UN refugee agency.

For Al-Eid, such questions are secondary while he tries to keep his family safe and nourished.

Without the donations, "people wouldn't be able to live," he says on his way out of the food shop. "The assistance is very good." □

US stocks slide as job gains send bond yields even higher

By MARLEY JAY

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are lower Friday as investors continue to worry about rising bond yields and interest rates. The Labor Department said the economy continues to add jobs at a strong pace, which makes it more likely rates will keep rising.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note has soared over the last three days and hasn't been this high since mid-2011. Bond prices are falling as investors sell them, but Wall Street is also concerned that spiking interest rates could eventually slow the economy.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index lost 18 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,883 as of 11:45 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average inched slid 203 points, or 0.8 percent, to 26,423.

Technology companies and smaller, more U.S.-focused companies continued to suffer steep losses. The Nasdaq composite skidded 101 points, or 1.3 percent, to 7,778 as technology and internet companies continued to struggle. The Russell 2000 index lost 17 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,629.

The Nasdaq has dropped 3.4 percent this week and the Russell has tumbled 4 percent. Both indexes are on track for their biggest drops since late March, and the Russell is on pace for its lowest close since late May.

IT'S A LIVING: The Depart-



In this May 10, 2018, file photo, the opening bell hangs above the trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

ment of Labor said employers added significantly more jobs in July and August than it previously thought, which made up for a slightly disappointing gain in September. The September total was probably reduced by the damage Hurricane Florence did to the Carolinas.

Employers have added 190,000 jobs on average over the last three months, and the employment rate fell to its lowest level since December 1969.

Friday's data suggest the economy should keep growing at a strong clip, which means corporate profits should continue to grow. That's a good sign for

stocks. At the same time, there are few signs of a big increase in the pace of growth or inflation. Either of those would push the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates at a faster pace, which would start to slow down the economy.

BONDS: Bond prices kept falling. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.22 percent from 3.19 percent. The yield on the 10-year Treasury is an important benchmark for longer-term interest rates and it hasn't been this high since July 2011.

The decline in bond prices and increase in yields have led to big gains for banks in the last few days because

higher interest rates mean they make bigger profits on mortgages and other loans. Bond yields in Europe also rose.

SWITCHEROO: The sell-off in technology and internet companies and retailers continued. Intel lost 1.9 percent to \$47.63 and Apple slipped 1.4 percent to \$224.74 while Google's parent company, Alphabet, sank 1 percent to \$1,164.73. Among retailers, Netflix slumped 4.4 percent to \$347.58.

Those sectors have been the biggest gainers on the S&P this year, but have taken sharp losses this week. Banks and industrial and energy companies, which

have struggled in 2018, have changed place and performed better than the broader market.

Banks were mixed Friday after big gains the previous two days. Online brokerage E-Trade rose 0.9 percent to \$52.95 while Goldman Sachs lost 0.9 percent to \$225.45.

Several major banks will report their third-quarter results late next week as the next round of company earnings gets underway.

UNFOLLOWED: Tesla stock fell 5.5 percent to \$266.26 after CEO Elon Musk taunted the Securities and Exchange Commission just a few days after he agreed to settle an SEC lawsuit triggered by a tweet he sent in August. As part of that settlement, Musk agreed to step down as chairman and submit to oversight when he's communicating company news. His criticisms of the SEC don't appear to be company news, but they may have worried investors who hoped his feed would be a little more boring from now on.

Musk and Tesla are also paying \$20 million each to end the lawsuit.

COSTLY: Wholesale club operator Costco gave up 3.7 percent to \$223.08 after it said it discovered technology problems related to its financial reporting processes. Costco said it is investigating, but hasn't found any problems with its past earnings reports so far. □

China tech stocks Lenovo, ZTE tumble after chip hack report

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Chinese tech stocks Lenovo Group and ZTE Corp. tumbled in Hong Kong on Friday following a news report Chinese spies might have used chips supplied by another company to hack into U.S. computer systems. Lenovo shares closed down 15.1 percent while ZTE lost 11 percent.

Bloomberg News cited unidentified U.S. officials as saying malicious chips were inserted into equip-

ment supplied by Super Micro Computer Inc. to American companies and government agencies.

Lenovo, with headquarters in Beijing and Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, is the biggest global manufacturer of personal computers and has a growing smartphone brand.

"Super Micro is not a supplier to Lenovo in any capacity," said Lenovo in a statement. "Furthermore, as a global company we take extensive steps to protect

the ongoing integrity of our supply chain." A spokeswoman for ZTE, headquartered in Shenzhen in southern China, said she wasn't aware of the report. The Chinese foreign ministry didn't respond to a request for comment. Bloomberg said Chinese military operatives added components to Super Micro products made at factories in China. It said the components included code that caused the products to accept changes to their software

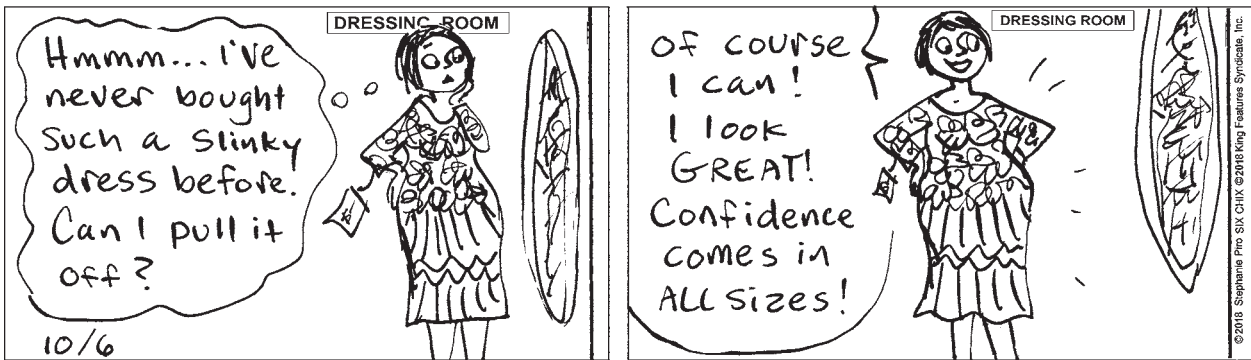
and to connect to outside computers. Super Micro, headquartered in San Jose, California, denied its products contained malicious chips. "Supermicro has never found any malicious chips, nor been informed by any customer that such chips have been found," said a company statement. Chinese tech companies face heightened scrutiny in the United States. A 2012 report by a congressional panel said ZTE and Chinese rival Huawei Technology

Ltd. were security risks and warned American telecoms companies not to buy their equipment. ZTE faced possible bankruptcy this year after Washington imposed a seven-year ban on sales of U.S. technology to the company over its exports to Iran and North Korea. American authorities lifted the ban in July after ZTE paid a \$1 billion fine, agreed to replace its executive team and hired U.S.-selected compliance officers. □

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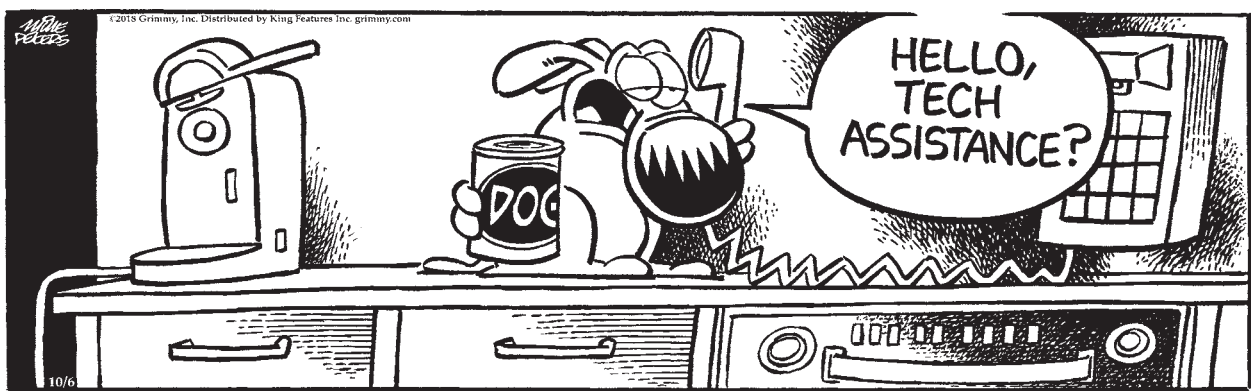
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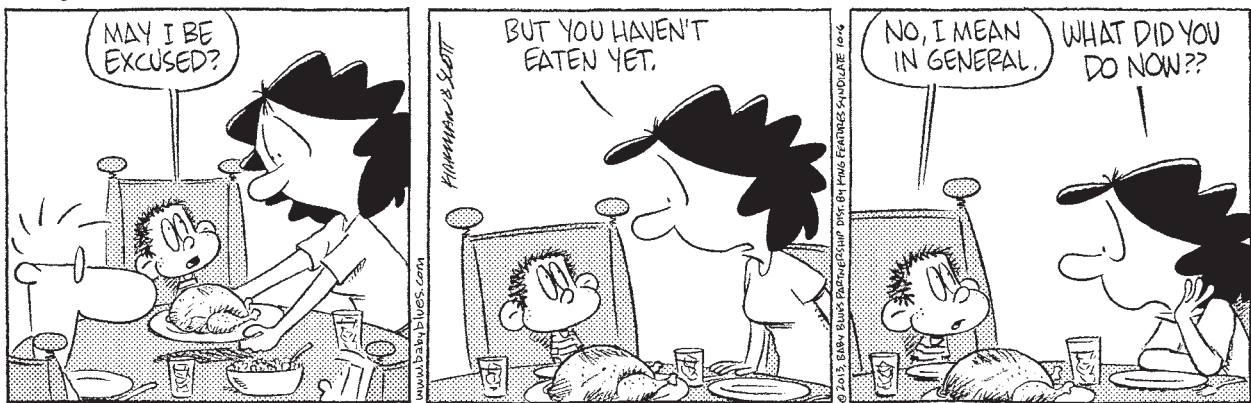
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	9	1	5	6	4	3	2	7
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ACROSS

- 1 Talk back
- 5 Fit for a king
- 10 "Nonsense!"
- 14 Bleachers level
- 15 Wear away
- 16 Honolulu's island
- 17 Tall trees
- 18 District attorney
- 20 Fraternity letter
- 21 Garden intruder
- 22 Beginning
- 23 Winning, so far
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 26 Handbook
- 28 Choose
- 31 Actor Ed
- 32 Entreaties
- 34 Car engine need
- 36 Consequently
- 37 Misery
- 38 TV show award
- 39 Black or Red
- 40 Like fresh potato chips

- 41 ___ off; subside gradually
- 42 Zigzag skiing
- 44 Angry speech
- 45 Sad
- 46 Lively dances
- 47 Colorado resort
- 50 Orange peel
- 51 Long sandwich
- 54 Exchange letters
- 57 Telegram
- 58 Horse's gait
- 59 Went higher
- 60 Swine
- 61 Stitches
- 62 One of the 12 Apostles
- 63 Singles

DOWN

- 1 Word attached to father or ladder
- 2 Needs a doctor
- 3 Occurring twice a year
- 4 12th-graders: abbr.
- 5 Annual a law

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HELM	OATS	REDS

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- 40 Duplicate
- 41 Like an even score
- 43 Warns
- 44 Like a good steak
- 46 Hose down
- 47 Play divisions
- 48 ___ as a boil
- 49 Ship's bow
- 50 Plant part
- 52 Egg on
- 53 Mrs. Truman
- 55 Maple tree secretion
- 56 Prefix for view or heat
- 57 Which person?



In this Aug. 8, 2018 photo, a sea lion swims near the Palomino Islands off the coast of Lima, Peru.

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Tourists flock to swim with sea lions near Peru's capital

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Foreign tourists are flocking to a group of rocky islands a few miles off the coast of Peru's capital for a once-in-a-lifetime experience: a chance to swim with sea lions.

The 39 rocky islands near Lima are home to an untold number of sea lions who bathe gracefully and feast on abundant fish that thrive in the cold-water Humboldt current.

But activists warn that the largely unregulated eco-tourism activity could be potentially dangerous and disruptive to the wild animals and their habitat.

Last year, more than 20,000

tourists visited the sea lion reserve, according to the government, with most stopping at Palomino island about 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the coast.

Many tourists swim just feet away from the giant mammals and snap selfies near the rocks. Small motor boats shuttle onlookers past the island throughout the day.

Local tour operators appear grateful for the boost. Peru has earned a growing reputation for world-class cuisine, and the sea lions have become another offering for travelers seeking out better-known attractions like the Incan site of Machu Picchu. □

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APNewsBreak: Another rare fish pulled back from extinction

By DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Another rare Colorado River fish has been pulled back from the brink of extinction, wildlife officials said Thursday, the second comeback this year for a species unique to the Southwestern U.S.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended reclassifying the ancient and odd-looking razorback sucker from endangered to threatened, meaning it is still at risk of extinction, but the danger is no longer immediate.

The Associated Press was briefed on the plans before the official announcement. Hundreds of thousands of razorbacks once thrived in the Colorado River and its tributaries, which flow across seven states and Mexico.

By the 1980s they had dwindled to about 100. Researchers blame non-native predator fish that attacked and ate the razorbacks and dams that disrupted their habitat.

Their numbers have bounced back to between 54,000 and 59,000 today, thanks to a multimillion-dollar effort that enlisted the help of hatcheries, dam operators, landowners, native American tribes and state and federal agencies.

"It's a work in progress," said Tom Chart, director of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. "We get more fish out in the system, they're showing up in more places, they're spawning in more locations."

Chart's program oversees the campaign to restore the razorback sucker and three other fish, all of them found only in the Colorado River system.



This undated photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows Katie Creighton of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Brandon Albrecht, of Bio-West, a government contractor, holding two large razorback suckers collected from Lake Powell, a reservoir on the Colorado River.

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In March, the Fish and Wildlife Service recommended changing the humpback chub from endangered to threatened. It takes 18 to 24 months to complete the process, including a public comment period.

The razorback sucker's name comes from a sharp-edge, keel-like ridge along its back behind its head. Chart thinks the ridge may have evolved to help the fish stay stable in the turbulent waters of the Colorado.

It can grow up to 3 feet (1 meter) long and live up to

40 years.

Razorbacks have been around for between 3 million and 5 million years, but trouble arrived as the population expanded in the Southwest. State and federal agencies began introducing game fish into the Colorado without realizing they would devour the native fish, Chart said. A spurt of dam-building was a boon to cities and farms but interrupted the natural springtime surge of melting snow, which in turn shrank the floodplains that provided a safe nursery for young razorbacks.

Dams also made parts of the rivers too cold for razorbacks, because they release water from the chilly depths of reservoirs. And they blocked the natural migration of the fish.

By the late 1980s, most of the wild razorbacks were old, an ominous sign they were no longer reproduc-

ing, Chart said. The Fish and Wildlife Service began capturing the remaining wild razorbacks and moving them to hatcheries to begin rebuilding the population.

The agency designated razorbacks an endangered species in 1991, although Utah and Colorado enacted state protections earlier. Biologists began restocking rivers with hatchery-raised razorbacks in 1995. Now, about 55,000 are released into the Colorado and its tributaries annually.

The Fish and Wildlife Service began working with dam operators to time water releases to help razorbacks spawn and restore flood plains for them to mature. Some dams were modified to help razorbacks to get by.

Wildlife officials began reining in non-native predator fish with nets and screens to keep them from escap-

ing reservoirs, or removing them by electrofishing — stunning them with electricity and euthanizing them with an overdose of anesthetic.

Changing the fish from endangered to threatened will allow more flexibility in the way it is protected, said Kevin McAbee, deputy director of the recovery program.

Under endangered status, individual fish have to be protected, but threatened status means biologists can take steps to improve the overall population even if some fish might be hurt, McAbee said.

Razorbacks still face challenges. The first-year survival rate of hatchery fish, each roughly 14 inches (36 centimeters) long, is about 20 percent or less in the wild, Chart said. It climbs to 80 percent after that.

Drought, climate change and increasing human demand are straining the rivers, which makes it harder for fish to survive.

McAbee said the Fish and Wildlife Service took the river's uncertain future into account before recommending the change for the razorbacks. Their long lifespan helps them endure low-water years when few young fish survive, he said. Cooperation among water users in 2018, a year of devastating drought in much of the Southwest, shows the razorbacks' needs can be accommodated, McAbee said.

"Things could have been catastrophic," he said. Taylor McKinnon of the Center for Biological Diversity is doubtful about how healthy the razorbacks really are.

The government's reliance on hatcheries to boost the population shows they are not self-sustaining, he said, and he worries about their future in the overtaxed Colorado River.

"I think the elephant in the room right now with regard to recovery is climate change and river flows and regional aridification," he said.

"We're skeptical of the merits of this," McKinnon said. □



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As Somalia marks horrific attack, a book explores al-Shabab

By CARA ANNA
Associated Press

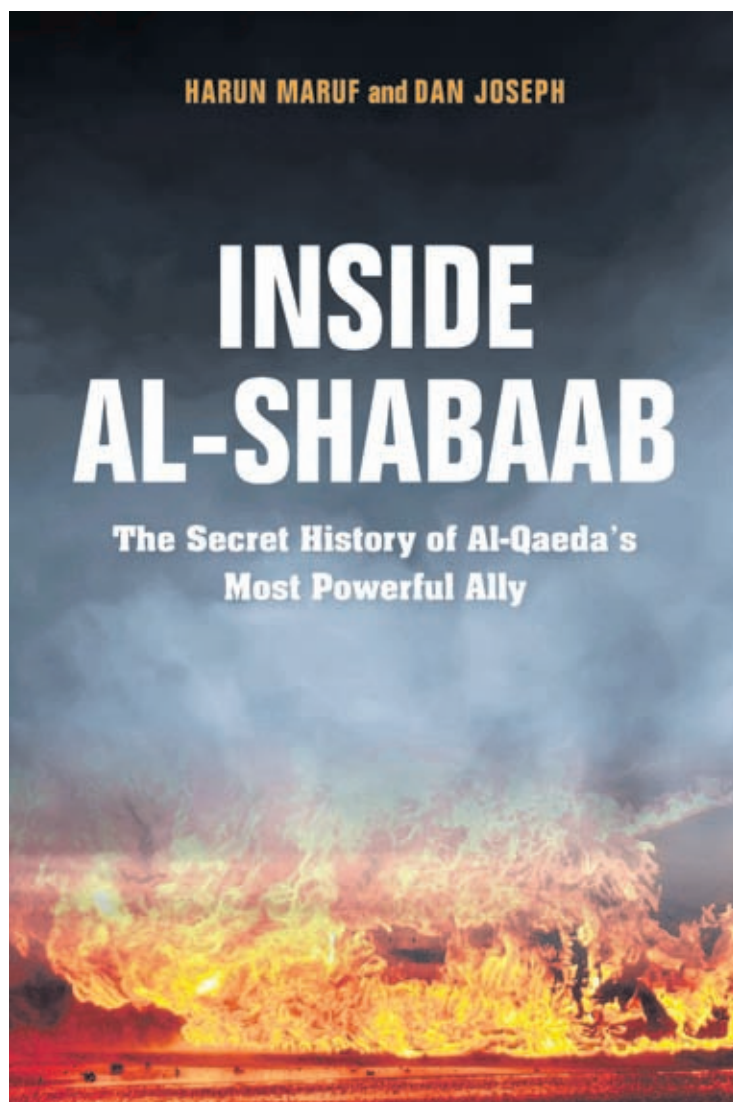
"Inside al-Shabaab: The Secret History of al-Qaeda's Most Powerful Ally" (Indiana University Press), by Harun Maruf and Dan Joseph

The deadliest terror attack in Africa's history began with a loaded truck barreling down a busy street in Somalia's capital, seemingly bound for the international airport and the embassies sheltering there.

The truck instead detonated in Mogadishu traffic, killing well over 500 people. Somalis who had witnessed decades of chaos were horrified. In a rare protest, they marched by the thousands to defy the Islamic extremist group that is now the deadliest in sub-Saharan Africa, the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab.

On Oct. 14, Somalia marks the anniversary of the bombing. Many around the world barely took note of the attack, though it was easily one of the worst since 9/11.

Anyone with interest in the spread of extremism, however, should read the new book "Inside al-Shabaab: The Secret History of al-Qaeda's Most Powerful Ally." Imagine, it says, a Washington where the U.S. government controls the White House, a few adjacent buildings and the highway to the airport while insurgents hold the rest. "Every so often, the insurgents fire mortar shells toward the White House." This has been Mogadishu over the years



This cover image released by Indiana University Press shows "Inside Al-Shabaab: The Secret History of Al-Qaeda's Most Powerful Ally," by Harun Maruf and Dan Joseph.

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as the extremists, some of them raised in the United States, surge and retreat. The authors, Voice of America journalists Harun Maruf and Dan Joseph, interviewed al-Shabab members, defectors and others to tell a fluid tale of how an Islamic nation once known for its moderation, not unlike the Afghanistan of a certain age,

slid into the hands of young men trained in Osama bin Laden's camps abroad.

"This was the start of the battle between al-Qaeda and America," one al-Shabab leader later said of the battle for Mogadishu in the early 1990s as bin Laden-backed local fighters attacked U.S. troops who tried to restore order after the fall of dictator

Siad Barre. The "Black Hawk Down" attack in 1993 that saw U.S. soldiers dragged through the streets led the U.S. military to leave Somalia alone for two decades. Inspired, a new generation of hard-line Islamic fighters — al-Shabab is Arabic for "the youth" — took shape. The book describes the surprising internal debates over the years as some members of a group known for harsh dictates and brazen bombings argued that only a more accepting approach would win over Somalia's people as it pursued an Islamic state.

In one of the book's more extraordinary sentences, Maruf and Joseph write that "al-Qaeda encouraged al-Shabaab to be flexible." The world's first extremist group to use Twitter to claim a major attack, al-Shabab has been relatively organized, with financing from taxes on captive communities, piracy off the long Indian Ocean coast and, in at least one town, the yanking out of civilians' gold teeth.

For military enthusiasts, "Inside al-Shabaab" has vivid descriptions of street-by-street fighting in Mogadishu as the extremists pushed the fragile Somali government to the edge of the sea. For those wondering how Somalia has never been able to shake off the threat, the book has piercing details of what still goes wrong both among Somalis and in the international community.

"My soldiers have to offer to share their lunch," one commander of the African Union peacekeeping force said of Somali partner forces, long unpaid, who looked on hungrily.

Widespread corruption, deeply held clan rivalries, exasperation from both Western and African allies, all have affected the fight against al-Shabab. Now the country, with a Somali-American president who spent years as a bureaucrat in Buffalo, New York, faces the nervous prospect of taking over its own security from the A.U. force in the few years ahead.

Officials with the U.S. military, which under President Donald Trump has increased drone strikes in Somalia and put about 500 personnel on the ground, have warned that Somali forces are not ready. And now a new threat has emerged: "Inside al-Shabaab" devotes a chapter to the rise of fighters who have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State organization.

ISIS these days might be fading or fleeing. But "by almost any tangible measure ... al-Shabaab grew stronger throughout 2017," the new book says. The U.S. has made gestures of confidence in Somalia, appointing its first ambassador in a quarter-century and even presenting President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed with a trucker cap bearing the phrase "Make Somalia great again." □

Eric Church is a 'Desperate Man' on latest album

By RON HARRIS
Associated Press

Eric Church, "Desperate Man" (EMI Records Nashville)



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Eric Church turned in country music's album of the year in 2016 and promptly took some time off from releasing new music. Now he's back with his sixth album "Desperate Man," displaying the approachable storytelling that his fans expect and Nashville banks on.

Church himself says he initially struggled with the direction of "Desperate Man." The 11-track offering

began with 25 songs and got whittled down to the best that offered "an electric, raw, old soul sound." That approach is clearly evident on the album's gems, such as "Heart Like a Wheel" which would best be described as a "stroll" in a bygone bobby sox era. "Higher Wire" delivers that aforementioned electricity, heavy with the snarl of reverb guitar work giving way to Church's familiar voice. If there is a chink in Church's

armor here it's that the title track "Desperate Man" sounds a little too much like Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Fortunate Son" in both the pace and the hook's refrain. But all is forgiven when the album's sweetest song arrives with "Hippie Radio," a heartwarming, coming-of-age track with the common thread of a fading Pontiac. It's the kind of thing few do better than Church. □



This cover image released by EMI Records Nashville shows "Desperate Man," a release by Eric Church.

Associated Press

11 years later, Tamara Jenkins returns with 'Private Life'

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Tamara Jenkins has had time to consider why there have been such long stretches between her movies. Her latest, "Private Life," starring Kathryn Hahn and Paul Giamatti as a New York couple struggling with infertility treatments, comes 11 years after her last one, the Oscar-nominated "The Savages."

For Jenkins' fans, such prolonged absences (it was nine years following her 1998 debut, "The Slums of Beverly Hills") are a disappointment. For others, it's a prime example of how the movie industry doesn't value its female filmmakers like its male ones. For Jenkins, it's more complicated.

"When you're in it, you're like: Is it me or is it them? What makes that problem, in terms of myself?" Jenkins wonders. "When I was at Sundance people kept asking me that question. I kept saying, 'Yeah, I know. I'm a loser. How is it possible 11 years went by?' And then I looked around



This image released by Netflix shows actor Paul Giamatti, left, with filmmaker Tamara Jenkins on the set of "Private Life."

Associated Press

and I realized Patty Jenkins ('Wonder Woman') hadn't made a movie and Debra Granik ('Leave No Trace') hadn't made a feature for years. So I'm not alone." Still, Jenkins adds, there are other factors, too. She and her husband, Jim Taylor (Alexander Payne's frequent writing partner), had a kid

in that time period — the experience of which eventually led her to writing "Private Life." And then she's meticulous — "novel-y," she says — in her writing process; she estimates it took two years to write "Private Life," some of that time spent at the upstate New York artists' colony Yadoo (which also figures into the film).

"It's also a desire to not necessarily make any old thing. There are a lot of things out there that might be makeable but aren't good. There are a lot of really bad movies," Jenkins said in a recent interview. "And I never have had an easy time trying to get these things made. Like 'The Savages,' which took place in a nursing home, nobody wants to make that movie. This is different but, still, it doesn't sound sexy on paper."

"Private Life," which premieres on Netflix and in select theaters Friday, is indeed more than its synopsis. Hahn and Giamatti play downtown New York creatives reaching middle age and going through one fertility trial after another. But in Jenkins' hands, "Private Life" is a caustically funny, painfully intimate, medicalized examination of, as she says, "a marriage in the middle." Though much of the plot follows a struggle to conceive, it's ultimately

centered on the couple; Giamatti compares it to "Waiting for Godot."

"People ask me what it's about and I say it's a movie about marriage," says Jenkins. "It's obviously on a very specific journey that they're on. But there was something so existential about that problem for them. It's so primal."

As an on-screen couple, Hahn and Giamatti are remarkably attuned to each other, especially considering they didn't know each other before the film. Jenkins set up a meeting at Giamatti's Brooklyn home for the two to meet and get acquainted.

"I feel something about this movie that I don't feel about many things I've been in. I really love it, and a lot of it is those two women I got to work with," Giamatti said by phone during a break from shooting "Billions."

"I wish Tamara was able to be more prolific. I don't know how much it is her wanting to take that much time with something. I don't think so. I think she'd like to be more prolific," Giamatti adds. "But she's incredibly devoted to the very singular thing she wants to do." Hahn says that Jenkins during shooting is as passionate about a scene being acted as she was when writing it.

"Tamara, as a director, she's a channeler. She's definitely feeling whatever you're feeling at the same amount of intensity. She can't help it. She will feel alongside of you," Hahn says. "We both understood (Hahn's character) Rachel on a pretty deep level. We kind of mind-melded."

Both Hahn and Giamatti have won raves for their soulful, connected performances, though numerous critics have called Hahn's disarmingly naked performance her best yet.

"It's not lost on me that I feel most seen as a performer and as an artist by women filmmakers. That is for damn sure," says Hahn, who's currently prepping an HBO series directed by Nicole Holofcener.

Jenkins, 56, has regularly turned pieces from her life into her films. "The Slums of Beverly Hills," about a transient, lower-middle class Jewish family in Beverly Hills, was inspired by her own 1970s youth. "The Savages," which starred Laura Linney (she was Oscar nominated, as was Jenkins' script) and Philip Seymour Hoffman, chronicled two siblings dealing with an elderly parent with dementia. It too was partly autobiographical.

Jenkins initially dismissed her own trials having a kid as decent movie fodder ("I was like: No way! I'll never do that! Gross!") only to eventually see the dramatic possibilities of a very common experience.

"There's the sort of famous thing that people say: Why don't you just adopt? — 'just' in italics, like adopting is such an easy thing to do, like you can just walk out and get one of those kids over there," says Jenkins. "If you're trying to have a kid and it's not happening the old-fashioned, regular way, all of the routes of having a kid are really complicated, morally and emotionally and economically and socially. It's all very complicated."

One complication Jenkins would rather not encounter: another long wait until her next film. □

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Joe Masteroff, story writer for the musical 'Cabaret,' dies

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Masteroff, the Tony Award-winning story writer of the brilliant, edgy musical "Cabaret" and the touching, romantic "She Loves Me," has died. He was 98.

Masteroff died Friday at the Actors Fund Home in Englewood, New Jersey, said The Roundabout Theatre Company, which produced recent revivals of his best-loved shows.

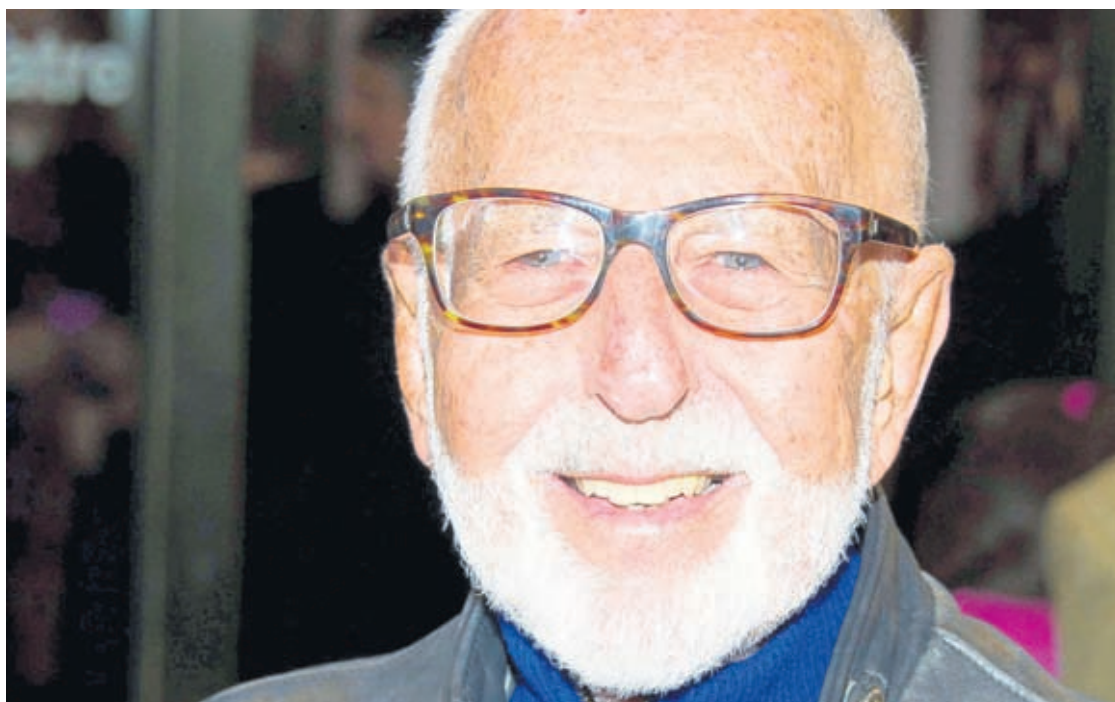
"Today we deeply mourn the loss of our friend Joe Masteroff, one of the 20th century's masters of the Great American Musical. His 'She Loves Me' and 'Cabaret' helped shape our theater, and we were honored to present them both on Broadway," said Todd Haimes, artistic director and CEO of the Roundabout Theatre Company. "Joe was a close collaborator, a legendary wit, and a dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family."

Masteroff was never prolific but made a profound mark on the theater with two shows seemingly at opposite ends of the spectrum — one considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written and the other a ferociously dark musical with ominous Nazis. "I've had a limited career, but it's been OK," he told The Associated Press in a 2015 interview as another national tour of "Cabaret" was kicking off.

The Philadelphia-born Masteroff hoped as a young man to write plays and after serving in World War II took a course for playwriting. He hadn't found much success until his 1959 comedy play "The Warm Peninsula" made it to Broadway starring Julie Harris.

"One day my agent called and said 'Joe, I've got wonderful news. Julie Harris wants to do your play.' I said, 'Which play?' He told me and said, 'Not only that, she wants to tour for a year throughout the United States and then bring it to New York.' That day my life changed."

The show only managed 86



In this March 12, 2015 file photo, Joe Masteroff attends the opening night performance of Broadway's "On the Twentieth Century" in New York.

Associated Press

Broadway performances but got Masteroff noticed. He was asked to write the book for "She Loves Me" with songs by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. It was produced by the legendary Hal Prince.

"She Loves Me," a case of mistaken identity set in a 1930's European perfumery, was nominated for five Tonys in 1964 and the 1993 Broadway revival won the Olivier Award for best musical revival.

A 2016 Tony-nominated revival on Broadway starred Laura Benanti, Jane Krakowski and Zachary Levi. The story has been adapted into the films "The Shop Around the Corner" with James Stewart and "You've Got Mail" with Tom Hanks.

It was Prince who next asked him to write the libret-

to for a musical that took a look at a seamy slice of life in Germany just before the Nazi takeover. Masteroff compressed Christopher Isherwood's "Berlin Stories" and John van Druten's play "I Am a Camera." The songs were provided by composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb.

The show is set in 1920s Berlin where a sleazy nightclub becomes a metaphor for a world slowly going mad and drifting toward world war. The musical was first called "Welcome to Berlin," a name that was dropped after Masteroff suggested "Cabaret."

In the show, cabaret numbers are interspersed with two love stories — one between free spirit Sally Bowles and an American writer named Cliff Brad-

shaw and a second between a German landlady and her Jewish tenant.

It debuted in Boston in 1966 and was a sensation — audiences were not used to going to shows that mixed call girl characters and Nazis, lasciviousness, alcoholism and abortions.

"I always thought that this show was very iffy. We had done so many things that nobody in their right mind would have done. That it worked was a pleasant surprise," Masteroff said in 2015.

"At the first performances — maybe the first three or four days — people kept walking out. In numbers. And the reason, quite obviously, was they went to see a musical called 'Cabaret' and there was something wrong with this show. Some

people were very disappointed. Once the reviews came out, that ended."

The original production — starring Jill Haworth as Sally, Bert Convy as Clifford and Joel Grey as the Master of Ceremonies — was one of the most influential musicals of the 1960s. It won the best musical Tony in 1967.

It was one of the first of the so-called "concept" musicals, in which book, music, lyrics, scenery, costumes and lighting worked together to get across the show's idea. A 1972 film version was directed by Bob Fosse and starred Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Grey.

A Broadway "Cabaret" revival by director Sam Mendes and choreographer Rob Marshall starring Alan Cumming won the best revival Tony in 1998 and it was revived again in 2014 with Cumming aboard and actresses including Michelle Williams, Emma Stone and Sienna Miller playing Sally.

Both "She Loves You" and "Cabaret" made numerous appearances on Broadway and regionally over the years. Masteroff only helped write one other adaptation to make it to Broadway — "70, Girls, 70" in 1971, which lasted only 35 performances — but his career was set.

"I wrote a few shows after that but mostly for my own amusement," he said. "I haven't had a big career, you might say. I'm not that anxious. If I'm doing all right, I'll settle for that." □

Wrapping 'Avengers 4,' Chris Evans hangs up Cap's shield

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Evans has wrapped his final performance as Captain America.

Evans on Thursday tweeted that his last shooting day on "Avengers 4" was an "emotional day." The 37-year-old actor thanked his colleagues and fans for his eight years as Captain American, saying it "has been an honor."

Evans first joined the Marvel

cast in 2010. He has starred in three "Captain America" films, including 2016's "Captain America: Civil War," as well as numerous team-up films.

The actor previously suggested he would soon depart the role. Earlier this year, Evans told The New York Times that wanted to "get off the train before they push you off."

"Avengers 4" is slated to open in May next year. □



In this image released by Disney, Paul Rudd, Jeremy Renner, Chris Evans, Elizabeth Olsen and Sebastian Stan appear in a scene from "Captain America: Civil War."

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